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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

TO THE SEVENTY-SECOND CONVENTION HELD AT BENARES

December 25—31, 1947

MY BROTHERS,

Will you rise? Following a long-established custom, I will make the well-known Invocation to the Great Ones :

May Those who are the embodiment of Love Immortal, bless with Their protection the Society established to do Their Will on earth; may They ever guard it by Their Power, inspire it with Their Wisdom, and energize it with Their Activity.

Be seated.

Since the word Theosophy means the "Wisdom of God," and since nothing can exist outside of God, all events, especially all human events, are the concern of the student of Theosophy. While he has an Ancient Wisdom coming to him throughout the ages from the Sages of old to explain to him in outline the processes of evolution, the wisdom which he also needs is all the time appearing before his eyes in the growth of civilization around him. The developments in science, philosophy, the arts, economics, industry and commerce have many lessons to teach him concerning "God's Plan, which is Evolution".

This is especially the case just now in the vast upheaval of all nations

in the field of politics. We Theosophists are aiming to build "a nucleus of Universal Brotherhood"; but all our efforts will be vain if the world cannot be guaranteed a stable peace for several generations. We believed that that peace had begun with the League of Nations in 1920; but it was obvious that could not be so, since one of the most powerful nations, the United States of America, refused to join the League of Nations though sympathetic to its working, and since all the member nations of the League refused to enforce by military, naval and air forces any sanctions which the League might decree against an aggressor. The inevitable result of the weakness of the League and the self-centred politics of the big Powers was the second World War. At last, after suffering and destruction as never before in the history of mankind, the United Nations Organization is born. This time there is a fairer future before the world.

I, for one, believe in the United Nations. I believe at last the danger to the nucleus for Universal Brotherhood is averted. I know many are sceptical. I am often asked: Won't there be another war? I follow closely the doings of the United Nations. I note Russia's continual "No" to almost

everything. Yet I do not believe Russia wants war. I am utterly certain the United States do not. Nobody dreams of such a thing in Britain. If I have, at the beginning of my Presidential Address, spoken on this topic, it is because it is *the* one world topic in which we are all involved; on its solution depends in a large measure just now the destiny of the Theosophical Society. I would plead with you, whether you believe in the United Nations or not, to follow its growth; do not be sceptical of it as of no consequence.

I come now to a mixed theme, one of happiness and one of distress. I refer to the freedom of India. As one who in a slight measure worked in the cause of India under my leader, Dr. Besant, in England, Australia and New Zealand, it was a joy to see that at last her great dream and that of Indian patriots was achieved. I was in England on August 15th. The British Broadcasting Corporation had their pick-up cars with their experts in Calcutta, Delhi and Karachi, and we heard the joyous marching songs, some of the speeches of the leaders and the cheers of the crowds. Throughout England there was satisfaction that a long task planned had at last been accomplished and that Indians were masters in their own land. Let me emphatically assert there was no regret whatsoever, except a deep regret about the Partition. But that after all was a matter for the Indians where the British could not interfere.

But a sense of shock began as the terror started in Amritsar and on the Pakistan border. Of course nobody in India had expected and nobody in Britain had ever dreamed that such savagery was ever possible in India. We in Britain knew more about it all than you did in India. For the B.B.C. cars and recording apparatus were everywhere. Let me here state that they were not making propaganda

against India; the B.B.C. is a national institution in Britain uncontrolled by any party, even by the Ministry in power; its work is purely to be factual. Just as it records the songs of birds in the woods, the nightingales and the thrushes, the talk of the man and woman in the street on the topics of the day, so it records anywhere and everywhere anything that is of interest to the people of Britain, and the recording is purely factual, with no element of bias. Well, I can only say I heard with my ears the cries of distress of the refugees, both Hindu and Muhammadan, the speeches of Hindu and Pakistan leaders, of Lord and Lady Mountbatten, the description of the floods, and so on, one thing after another. One's heart was wrung, and one wondered: "Is it for this we had worked for such long years?" Wherever I went in London, in small shops, from bus-drivers, the question was asked of me, and with sympathy: "What do you think will be the outcome of it all?" My answer was: "It will pass."

I personally have lost one thing; for forty-two years, in the many lands I have worked, north and south, east and west of the world, I have talked of India's culture and explained its significance. That is no longer possible for me. It was truly said by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru at the height of the troubles: "*India's name is mud.*" They know in every land of Europe, in every small city of the United States, and in South and Central America, Mexico, Cuba and Porto Rico, in Australia, New Zealand, Java, in China, in the Philippines, by telegrams and radio something of the horrors in the Punjab committed by Sikhs and Hindus. I leave aside those committed by Muslims because I have not preached the culture of Islam. How can I before the world now talk on the ancient culture of India if at the opening of a new era of India's history that culture failed

utterly? It is for others now to preach the gospel of India's culture. The only comfort I derive is that the Holy Masters who watch over India's destiny have not relaxed Their vigilance in spite of all that has happened; They hold India's future in Their hands. May the dawn begin soon.

In this situation of acute division, we Hindu Theosophists must enter to make a bridge between Muslims and Hindus. I know that in our Lodges scarcely any attention except in Karachi has been paid to the teachings of the Koran, and though Muslims have lived as our neighbours we have little cared to know what are their beliefs. I saw this division long ago and the need to bridge the gap. Thus it was that in 1923, when I was the Vice-President, with the help of Pandit Iqbal Narain Gurtu, General Secretary of the Indian Section, we created the "Theosophical Society Muslim Association," and the late Sir Akbar Hydari, then a member of the General Council of our Society, gave us his support as Chairman. For several years at Conventions, we held a meeting of the Association, and at Karachi our strongest propagandist was the late Hukum Chand Kumar who was an excellent Persian scholar. My interest in Islam has always been deep; I was an active member in Madras, while it lasted, of the Muslim Cultural Association and I read before it three papers which have been published, "Hindu and Muhammadan Architecture," "Abul Fazl and Akbar," and "The Moors in Spain". With subscriptions from both Hindu and Muslim sympathizers I built the exquisite little Mosque at Adyar, taking as model the famous Pearl Mosque. With my friend, Dr. Hamid Ali, Law Lecturer in Madras, we created some years ago "The Islamic Culture Library". My aim was to create a library for Islam similar to that created by Colonel Olcott in 1886 for Hindu manuscripts, the now

famous Adyar Library. Muslims in India little know, as I know, the vast literature in the many European languages on Arabic and Islamic culture, and my aim is to collect these books into one library. Dr. Hamid Ali and I have so far collected only some 400. We hope some day the Library will be 4,000 books at least with a building of its own. Our brothers in Patna started in 1939 the Mel-Milap Association with a magazine in Hindi and Urdu, for Hindu-Muslim Unity.

I want now to go further. For over a year I have had in my hands a manuscript of extracts of the Holy Koran by Mr. Duncan Greenlees, a Master of Arts of Oxford University, well versed in Arabic, Coptic and Egyptian. It is not easy to study the Koran as it is; first you cannot now get copies of it, and secondly the topics in it are not systematized. Mr. Greenlees has done that, translated them direct from the Arabic, with a running commentary with a breadth of understanding which only a Theosophist can have. I recall the late Hassan Imam of Patna, once a Judge of the High Court of Calcutta, saying to me after my laying the foundation of the Lodge Building at Patna—and he was a member of the Society: "It is only Theosophists who can bring Muslims and Hindus together."

Towards achieving this purpose there was started in Patna the Mel-Milap Association in which both Hindus and Muslims were working. The work must be strengthened. I beg every Lodge in India to take up the Holy Koran—I hope within three months to have the condensed edition of Mr. Greenlees ready—and have study-classes on it. It will surprise you what close parallels there are between the loftiest teachings of Hinduism and the revelation received by the Prophet of Mecca. After all there is but one God and one Wisdom of God; let us all be thankful that we can recognize His many revelations

and be inspired by them all. If we begin this work, as I am hoping the Hindu Theosophists will do, I am hoping too that the Muslims in the localities where there are Lodges will open their hearts to their Hindu fellow-citizens, and help to produce once again that atmosphere of true Brotherhood which the Holy Prophet of Mecca dreamed for all mankind.

This year, as you are all aware, we celebrated the Centenary of the birth of Dr. Annie Besant of glorious memory. Outside India, most know her by her books; a few now living recall her speeches, especially a few old today her brilliant oratory. There are some still in India, and especially in Benares, to whom she is still a living presence. She helped us to live, not merely with her advice and ideals, but with her gifts. I was a schoolmaster in Ceylon on a hundred rupees salary in 1901, and I could not have visited the Convention at Adyar—with my cat of course—except for the fact that she sent me my railway fare. So she did that to hundreds, thousands. No wonder we called her Am-ma. I could speak for hours on her genius as a philosopher.

The Centenary Celebration at Adyar—I had to be in Europe, as I shall explain later—was a brilliant celebration lasting a week, directed by Srimatī Rukmini Devi and her band of collaborators, among whom a large body of public men who were not Theosophists and many Associations. In London, Mr. Peter Freeman, M.P., and I shared a B.B.C. broadcast, while a public meeting was held at the Society's Besant Hall. Among the speakers at the afternoon meeting reserved for members was Dr. Besant's son, Mr. Digby Besant; her daughter, Mrs. Mabel Besant-Scott, was unable to be present owing to ill-health. The Centenary Committee at Adyar has issued a fine centenary volume of tributes to Dr. Besant from many public men in India, as also from Theosophists here and out

of India. It is handsomely bound in Indian cloth woven at Kalākshetra and its price is Rupees 15. The general editor is Dr. J. H. Cousins. It contains many photographs of Dr. Besant. I find I have achieved a brief immortality in the book as two Kodak snapshots of mine, enlarged, taken of Dr. Besant in 1902 in a hotel in Genoa in Italy, and in 1917 during Internment at Coimbatore, appear in the book. Let me say they are artistic. They are illustrations Nos. XI and XV. When I saw them I certainly spread out my peacock's tail. I can now retire as an amateur photographer and save money. All the National Societies and every Lodge throughout the world held Centenary Celebration meetings.

A not less important Celebration this year was that of the 60th year of the Adyar Library. The celebration should have taken place last year, but was held over to coincide with Dr. Besant's. I think few members know what a wonderful dream the President-Founder dreamed in 1886 as he turned the first sod for the Adyar Library. It is a magnificent piece of work, and I as a Sanskrit scholar of sorts (I studied Sanskrit for four years at Cambridge with a bit of Zend and Pāli thrown in, so as to round me off) am keenly interested in the growth of the Library. At the Celebration, scholar after scholar of South and North India sang high praise of the Adyar Library, because the Theosophical Society maintains such an institution to collect and collate manuscripts, edit and print texts, and in all sorts of ways carries on the highest traditions of Hindu culture on the literary side. The Director of the Library, Dr. G. Srinivasamurti, has a string of titles; he is Captain, Vaidyaratna of Indian Medicine, Bachelor of Medicine, Master of Surgery, Bachelor of Arts and of Laws. But more than all that he was the favourite of Dr. Besant and physician to three Presidents: Dr. Besant, Dr. Arundale and

is to myself. He is an inexhaustible well of Sanskrit knowledge and tradition. And by his side works in an honorary capacity Dr. C. Kunhan Raja, Reader in Sanskrit in the University of Madras, a Doctor of Philosophy of the University of Oxford. I namaskār to (salute with joined hands) both these scholars; the Theosophical Society is grateful to them—not just grateful, but immensely grateful—for having raised the Adyar Library and its publications to rank with the great Oriental libraries of the world.

I have now to report to you the work done in the many countries of Europe during my eight months' absence from India and our Theosophical Headquarters. While residing in England from 1942 to 1944, in the crucial years of the War, some of us in England already planned what should be done to help the stricken National Theosophical Societies of Europe after the War was won. There happened to be in England in May 1940, a few days before his country, Holland, was invaded by the German armies, Mr. J. E. van Dissel, who for several years had been the General Secretary of the Federation of the National Theosophical Societies of Europe. His family was in Holland; he could not get back to them; he was forced to stay in England, without money or home. Our friends helped him and his presence in London was invaluable for our plans for a Round Table Conference, as we called it, of the National Societies after the War was over. He came to Adyar, with Mr. J. Kruisheer, the General Secretary for Holland, who also was similarly stranded in England, and both consulted Dr. Arundale, who was expected to preside at the Conference. A similar Conference had taken place at the end of the first World War. But after the second World War the difficulties were far greater; first, more National Societies had been suppressed by Hitler, and

second, one means of communication, the railways, were more greatly damaged. But worst of all was the financial situation in the National Societies. Some of them had no money at all to spend to send even one delegate.

The European Federation has its headquarters in Holland; the Federation could arrange to pay the fare and hotel expenses of two delegates from each National Society; but money was already "frozen", that is, Holland could not send money out of Holland. The situation was saved by the Theosophists of the United States; they had created a fund called the "Rehabilitation Fund" to help the stricken National Societies to repair their damaged premises, for publishing books and similar purposes. This fund is in dollars. There is a new meaning today in the old adage "the almighty dollar".

We decided on Switzerland as the place of the Round Table Conference as being most central, and where food was obtainable without difficulty though Swiss monetary exchange was extremely high against all other countries. The American Section most generously allowed the European Federation to draw upon the Rehabilitation Fund for the arrangements of the Conference.

It was obvious that I, as President, had to be at the Conference. I got my passage to England after the greatest trouble. I will not narrate to you the discomfort of travel on a troopship in a small cabin for six with one wash-basin. After I reached England at the end of April my work began at once, for the Round Table Conference came almost at the end of a long tour. After presiding at the Convention of the English Section in May, with the usual meetings, one of which was a Commemoration of Dr. Besant, my travels were planned to take me to Northern Ireland, the Republic of Eire with Dublin as capital, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Holland, France,

Switzerland, Italy and lastly Belgium. Of course you cannot travel without a passport; in addition it must be endorsed by India or Britain permitting you to travel; and finally each country you mean to visit must give you its visa or permission, which means you have to fill up forms why you are travelling, what for, when, for how long, and who will be your guarantor in the country of your visit; sometimes they want many photos of you full face, now and then profile also.

Before leaving Adyar I had obtained all the permits to travel; but they would not give me for two countries—Finland and Italy. What was strange they would not give the permit in England either. Time pressed and I hardly knew what to do, when at last Thomas Cook suggested I ask the aid of the Secretary of State for India. I rushed off, and saw the lady dealing with the passports of Indians, and she said: "Oh, these are ex-enemy countries." There was a bar to Indians going to ex-enemy countries. However, after nearly an hour's telephoning, the lady gave me a letter to the Permit Office, and there the official endorsed my passport as valid for travel to Finland and Italy. I rushed off to the Italian Consulate, which demanded two days; the Finnish visa I did not bother about, as one of the leading Theosophists is a Finnish Minister, and he would send word to Stockholm and I could get the visa there. I will barely mention, apart from difficulties of travel in some countries, the difficulties of diet for a vegetarian, and for a diabetic who must not eat potatoes and peas and can eat very little bread, in hotels, steamers and trains. There was very little butter, and in Paris no milk at all though our old friend Professor Marcault somehow procured for me a litre of milk a day. In some places I was distinctly hungry but there was nothing I could eat. I was glad to get back to my home in London.

Now about the Round Table Conference. It was held at a spot on Lake Lucerne in a small town called Weggis-Lutzelau. A hotel of 47 rooms was taken over by the delegates for eight days; the programme consisted of reading reports of the situation in the various countries, difficulties as to work, the needs of future work, the need especially of means and of lecturers and books and magazines.

Mornings and afternoons (with one day's break for an excursion) we discussed reports and ways and means. We regretted that in all these the country which we desired to help most in its Theosophical work, Germany, was not represented by its General Secretary, who lives in the American zone. He has not yet a permit to leave Germany for a while even for health's sake. In the evenings were addresses by various members. This Conference was restricted to representatives of Sections; nineteen countries of Europe were represented. After a week of these meetings for the development of the work, we adjourned to Geneva for a "Workers' Week" where the topics were all of study. As before, mornings and afternoons were addresses on various aspects of our studies, with a public lecture of mine in French. I gave also a brief French broadcast. In the evenings we had much music, and one evening dances to classical music by the children of the famous Dalcroze Dance Academy in Geneva. The dances were created to music, and of course not a word was said or sung. The Federation invited to the Workers' Week two Young Theosophists from each country and arranged for all their expenses. The Young Theosophists had several meetings of their own, at one of which I was present. After Switzerland came my tour in Italy and Belgium.

At all the meetings one insuperable difficulty met us—that of language. Dutch members know English, French

and German ; Austrian members know English ; French and most Swiss members only French. So that all the principal addresses had to be translated from one language to another ; at the Question and Answer meeting I translated my answers immediately into French, strewing as I went along genders to be picked up ; any translation was better than nothing. Esperanto has been suggested as the solution. It is certainly an easy language with a simple invariable grammar ; as already knowing French and Italian I make out most of an Esperanto letter. But that points to one difficulty ; there is little in it drawn from the Dravidian languages of India. In other words, you have to learn a new language. Many of us are too old for that. We should also need to compile a complex vocabulary of Theosophical terms. Both at the League of Nations and now at the United Nations, as a speaker is holding forth, say in Russian, then and there a translator is whispering into a microphone phrase by phrase what he hears ; and those who know French, or English or Spanish listen in to ear-phones. That has been found the only practical solution, not an international language.

Not that an international language is not needed ; but it cannot, in my judgment, be created ; it has to grow. English—if you ignore its outrageous philological spelling—has already grown to be the international language of commerce in many parts of the world, even if it is only "pidgin English". It will have to be a strong competitor that will oust English from its place today. And here let me say, I am not a propagandist for Basic English. It makes a good beginning ; but if you stay there, you will know little of really good English, such as is written and spoken in England.

I mentioned last year the heavy burdens the Society has now to bear, because the district of Adyar has been

incorporated into the City of Madras. In addition to this, the costs of operation of all our departments and of materials have gone up. An increase of salaries and wages has been overdue ; we have done that. All wages of our workers have been increased from 17 to 21 per cent ; in addition, as an inducement not to stay away, we have, following a model in the United States, paid a full month's wage, including the Sundays. Because of all this heavy overhead, and the usual deficit of some 25,000 rupees (£1,895, \$7,692) having just about doubled, the Vice-President, Mr. Sidney A. Cook, and I sent out an appeal. Members have replied nobly. This year closes with the lowest deficit that I have ever known. But we cannot depend completely on annual gifts to cover our deficit. Something more radical is necessary. That is why both of us initiated the Besant Centenary World Fund, to create a permanent invested fund of 20 lacs of rupees (£151,562, \$615,360) to meet the annual deficit. We are still far away from gaining our objective, for only about one-tenth of the amount aimed at has been collected. I appeal to all members to keep this World Fund in mind ; send us what you can ; mention the Society as a legatee in your Will ; never mind if it is only one rupee or five or a thousand ; your gift is equal in the eyes of the Holy Masters who watch over the Society and bless its work.

What now of our work in the future ? Before I answer, we must first recognize what that work is. There are two aspects of it, and both correlated, inseparable one from the other. One, on which so far we have laid most emphasis is to proclaim the Ancient Wisdom. Men must still be taught, especially in Western lands, the two simple truths of Reincarnation and Karma. They are known in most Eastern lands, but the peoples in them have to be taught to apply them. With the two truths

of Reincarnation and Karma, are the teachings about man's seven principles, and the conditions in which he will live after death. There are innumerable other teachings of the Ancient Wisdom, which can be expounded to an audience which has grasped the teachings which I have mentioned. The trend of all the Theosophical truths must be to make a man slowly change his character for the better, so that little by little he does what Jesus Christ wanted us all to do, to love our neighbour as ourself.

But there is a second aspect of our work. I recall that in 1881 in India, two prominent Englishmen and Theosophical students, Messrs. Sinnett and Hume, were keen on gaining from the Adepts all they could about occult truths concerning man, his principles, his evolution in other globes and rounds and similar recondite aspects of the Wisdom. But they were frankly sceptical as to the Society having any future before it with its platform of Universal Brotherhood. It was then that the high Adept known as the Maha-Chohan, the head of all the Chohans, interfered, and sent through the Master K. H. a formal declaration that unless Universal Brotherhood were made the first Object and final objective of the Society, the whole Brotherhood of Adepts would leave the Society to itself. Specially stressing the seeming unbridgeable gap of colour, due to the overweening sense of superiority of the white races over the dark races, the Maha-Chohan said bluntly :

"The white race must be the first to stretch out the hand of fellowship to the dark nations, to call the poor despised 'nigger' brother. This prospect may not smile to all, but he is no Theosophist who objects to this principle."

That problem of colour and race still remains. It is slowly beginning to

modify at last in India—it has never existed among such white Theosophists as come to work in India—because India can legislate now for herself. But retaliation is an evil principle. Because South Africa will not admit any Indians at all, even as visitors, India has retaliated forbidding South Africans to come, with the exception of those concerned in business. The result is that two members of the Society in South Africa want to come to Adyar, applied for permission and that permission was refused. The "colour problem," as it is called in the United States, is well-known, creating bitterest hardships and social injustices. But it is the same everywhere, in some places more, in others less.

It is these conditions which the Adept Brotherhood wants to be modified, and the best agency for Them is the Theosophical Society. There are springing up on all sides organizations to teach psychism, occultism, high this-or-that-ism; each claims to be directed by an Adept. But the trend of their teachings is to inculcate that each individual is a sort of gold-mine of divine forces and that if he will dig into himself under their direction, he will achieve prosperity, happiness and peace. But little is said about his sharing his riches with others.

It is here that the Theosophical Society stands and must stand unique among all other organizations. Whatever is the subject of our studies, there is at the back of our minds, if we are more than Theosophists in name, an aspiration to work to produce changes in all human relations, so that only one fact is supreme in the lives of all mankind—that men are brothers, possessing one Divine Heritage, partaking indeed of the Divine Nature itself, whatever are the world's distinctions and demarcations about us concerning race, creed, sex, caste, colour, social position or the type of labour in which we gain our daily bread.

Today, scientists are exploring the atom to release its power for our daily use. So far they have discovered only the atom's destructive power. But the Adept Brotherhood, the Guardians of Mankind, possess the knowledge of all the powers needed for men, and are ready to guide scientists to their discovery, when the Adepts are sure that the powers will be used for good and not for evil. It is there that Universal Brotherhood enters. When Brotherhood is the ruling principle, and mankind's moral conscience revolts against any anti-Brotherhood action, as it revolts now against murder, then power after power will be thrown into our laps by the Adept Brotherhood, till there shall nevermore be anywhere flood or famine, till all diseases shall be controlled, till men and women shall work perhaps only five hours a day and the rest of the day be employed in the self-discovery of themselves through every form of the arts and of culture.

All these, my Brothers, are not dreams of Utopias. They are objectives already planned. It remains only for you and me and the generations of Theosophists coming after us so to work that the Plan comes swifter and swifter to realization. If we dare to dream nobly, there are greater dreamers still than ourselves; they are the Adept Brotherhood, whose love for mankind is infinite, whose powers are beyond our comprehension. They are ready to help the world. Let us work to open the way for that help. And the only way we shall succeed is by never forgetting that each Theosophist, each Lodge, must be a centre of intense Understanding and Brotherhood, till a chain of lights will be lit from Lodge to Lodge, throughout the world, and the darkness of the world will vanish, and even statesmen and directors of men's affairs will see clearly the road they must inevitably follow.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

The Society's Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th September, 1947 closed with a deficit

after making good the previous year's deficit of Rs. 18,764-4-4. The actual figures are as summarised below :

	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actuals</i>	
	Rs.	Rs.	
Expenditure ...	1,55,964	1,86,841	
Income ...	97,430	1,84,299	
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Deficit ...	58,534	2,542	[= £ 192 or \$ 750]
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The anticipated expense under the heading *Repairs and Renewals* has exceeded the budget estimate by Rs. 20,708. This is due to an effort having been made to carry out as many as possible of the repairs which had accumulated during the War and because of rising prices these works were put in hand as material became available.

The anticipated deficit on the *Garden Department* was Rs. 3,300/-, but the year's working has resulted in an actual deficit of Rs. 6,792/- thus overstepping the budget limit by Rs. 3,492/-. This is mainly due to the enhanced wages sanctioned during the year amounting to about Rs. 2,400/- and a loss of about Rs. 800/- on the paddy crop consequent on floods.

The *Laundry Account* has shown an accumulating loss since 1945 and this has now been written off together with the loss on the year under review aggregating Rs. 4,394/-. Because of the recurring loss in this Department the rates have now been raised more in proportion with the expenses involved, and it is hoped that this will result in there being no deficit in the future.

The expenditure in excess of the estimated deficit on the *Bhojanasala* has been partly due to the high prices

of provisions and we have since revised the rates commensurate with the expenditure involved.

The excess of expenditure shown under *Leadbeater Chambers* is due mainly to the increased wages paid to the staff with retrospective effect from 1-10-46.

Watch and Ward expenses show an increased expenditure of Rs. 2,761 over the budget limit. At the time of sanctioning the budget last year it was hoped that with a decreased number of watchmen the Department could be run within the amount sanctioned; but unfortunately this was found impossible because of the size of the Estate and the increasing danger of theft and the necessity of maintaining the full complement of watchmen.

Printing and Stationery shows an increase of Rs. 1,000/- due to the printing of two General Reports in the same year (the General Reports for the years 1945 and 1946) and the rise in printing charges.

Miscellaneous Account : Under this head are included the grants paid to the niece of Madame H. P. Blavatsky which payments were in arrears for sometime due to the difficulty of effecting remittances.

Sanitation: The expenditure under this head now includes part of the honorarium paid to the Officer-in-charge of the Department which amount hitherto has been met from the Faithful Service Fund.

Establishment: This account represents the salaries and wages paid to the workers of the Treasury, Recording Secretary's Office and the President's Office and the attenders attached to each. The salaries of the staff of the Vasanta Press and Engineering Department and other separate Departments figure in their Departmental Accounts. The increased expenditure of Rs. 1,700/- over the budget estimate is due to a revision in salaries during the year consequent on the increased cost of living.

The *Fees and Dues* Account shows an increase on the anticipated income due largely to the payment of arrears from Sections which had been unable to make remittances during the War.

The Faithful Service Fund: The balance at credit of this account at the commencement of the year was Rs. 34,718-9-5. Donations inclusive of Adyar Day Collections and other receipts during the year amounted to

Rs. 4,659-4-9 and payments from the Fund were Rs. 8,238-5-11, leaving a balance of Rs. 31,139-8-3 at the close of the year.

The Rehabilitation Fund: The balance at Adyar to credit of this account was Rs. 60,498-14-11 at the beginning of the year. On 18-2-'47 we sent to the European Federation the equivalent of £1,000/- and in accordance with a resolution of the Committee of the European Federation a sum of £1,500/- was refunded to the General Funds of the T. S. and a sum of £500/- remitted to the credit of the European Federation. Thus at the close of the year the balance on hand at Adyar was Rs. 20,692-14-1.

Investments: Interest Free Defence Bonds to the value of Rs. 15,000/- were redeemed and reinvested in interest bearing Securities at 2½% Madras Co-operative Central Land Mortgage Bank Debentures.

The Donations received during the year including Rs. 41,987-11-3 Adyar Day Collections were disbursed and allocated as follows:

Total collections including Adyar Day Donation: Rs. 90,470-3-10

Amounts allocated to other funds and Accounts:

	Rs.
Mayor's Flood Relief	200
Adyar Library	1,000
Olcott Harijan Free Schools	1,000
Besant Theosophical School	1,000
President's Discretionary Fund	2,000
Welfare Fund	2,000
Faithful Service Fund	3,000
War Distress Relief Fund	2,000
Repatriation Fund	4,000
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Sum made available for the T. S.	16,200
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	73,372
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Retained for further allocation	89,572
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	898
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	Rs. 90,470
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Headquarters Endowment Fund which was inaugurated by Dr. G. S. Arundale in 1944 now shows a credit balance of Rs. 1,59,743-15-0 and in addition to Donations includes all legacies left to the Society.

The Besant Adyar World (Commemorative) Fund: Consequent upon the new Municipal Taxes, and the increased salaries that now have to be paid to all workers, and the greatly increased cost of all works of maintenance, our accounts have to face the prospect of a yearly deficit and to meet this position the President opened this Fund with the aim of establishing Adyar on a permanently secure basis. The members throughout the world have loyally contributed and on 30-9-'47 collections have totalled so far Rs. 1,22,370-15-11. But the object of the Appeal is nothing

less than to ensure the permanent financial security of the Society and its Headquarters and to achieve this a large sum is needed. This first 7½ months' collection is indeed encouraging, but it can only be considered as the first step towards the 20 lacs of Rupees (£150,000/-; \$615,500) needed to achieve the President's plan. It is hoped therefore that members will continue their generous support of the Fund and that, at the close of 1948, a really appreciable advance will have been made towards that end. Generous as have been the contributions so far it will be realised that the present total is very far short and a little over one-twentieth of what is planned.

C. D. SHORES,
Hony. Treasurer.

THE T. S. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Budget Allot- ment	EXPENDITURE					
	Rs.			Rs.	A.	P.
16,500	To Establishment—Salaries and Wages	...	...	18,243	12	3
17,000	„ Repairs and Renewals	...	...	37,708	14	0
20,000	„ Garden Expenses	...	...	26,372	10	7
2,500	„ Lighting and Water	...	...	2,643	15	9
3,500	„ Miscellaneous	...	...	4,422	11	10
7,000	„ Watch and Ward	...	...	9,761	2	2
2,500	„ Postages, Telegrams and Telephone	...	...	2,915	7	5
2,400	„ Printing and Stationery	...	...	3,428	15	3
800	„ Publications to General Secretaries	...	...	648	14	0
2,500	„ Sanitation Expenses	...	...	3,293	0	8
11,000	„ Taxes Account	...	...	11,024	12	4
100	„ Pensions	...	...	61	8	0
	„ Donations to various Funds and Accounts	...	...	16,200	0	0
14,000	„ Interest on Funds and Deposits	...	...	11,308	6	3
3,500	„ Convention 1946 Account	...	...	159	6	2
	„ Contributions :					
5,000	Adyar Library	...	...	5,000	0	0
13,000	President's Travelling Fund	...	...	13,000	0	0
3,600	Dispensary	...	...	3,069	10	9
150	Museum and Archives	...	...	69	15	6
						21,139 10 3
8,000	„ Depreciation :					
	On Immovable Property @ 1½%	...	...	6,436	8	0
	„ Military Huts	...	...	401	8	0
	„ Movable Property @ 7½%	...	...	1,881	0	0
						8,719 0 0
650	„ Bhojanasala Deficit	...	...	1,120	5	7
2,800	„ Leadbeater Chambers Deficit	...	...	3,403	1	6
	„ Laundry Deficit	...	...	2,163	9	6
	„ Loss on the Year Book	...	...	952	6	3
	„ „ Dismantled Huts	...	...	1,150	0	0
						1,86,841 9 9

ADYAR

14th December 1947

For The Theosophical Society,
C. D. SHORES,
Hony. Treasurer.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30-9-'47

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Examined and found correct.

V. SOUNDARARAJAN & Co.,

Registered Accountants

BALANCE-SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Capital Fund : *								
As per last Balance-sheet	...	...	5,31,647	4	6			
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year	...	...	2,542	9	6	5,29,104	11	0
Special Funds :								
I								
Adyar Library Endowment Fund	...	...	1,23,351	4	1			
" " Building Fund	...	...	1,27,786	6	3			
" " Night Schools Fund	...	...	2,547	15	0			
" " Short-wave Broadcasting Fund	...	...	5,002	3	0			
Theatre and Lecture Hall Fund	...	...	16,582	3	6			
Theosophical World University Fund	...	...	2,005	6	8			
Rai Bahadur Panda Baijnath Propaganda Endowment Fund	...	...	32,099	1	1			
Sri Raja Ram Feeding Fund	...	...	1,000	0	0			
Dr. Besant's 99 years Fund	...	...	772	14	6			
Parsi Shrine Fund	...	...	363	9	8			
Sikh Temple Fund	...	...	169	8	7			
Synagogue Fund	...	...	2,489	3	1			
Sri Mudaliyandan Chetty Fund	...	...	11,245	0	0			
Buddhist Shrine Fund	...	...	272	5	4			
Faithful Service Fund	...	...	31,139	8	3			
Subba Rao Medal Fund	...	...	1,625	13	4			
Besant Birthday Celebration Fund	...	...	3,000	0	0	3,61,452	6	4
II								
Pensions and Gratuities Fund	...	...	7,029	11	3			
Investment Reserve Fund	...	...	14,550	15	9			
Safe Deposit of the T.P.H.	...	...	300	0	0			
Advance Rent Bills	...	...	2,796	12	3			
Fund for Repatriation of Residents	...	...	7,831	9	9	32,509	1	0
Headquarters Endowment Fund	...	...				1,59,743	15	0
Besant Adyar World (Commemorative) Fund	...	...				1,22,370	15	11
War Distress Relief Fund	...	...				2,056	5	9
Rehabilitation Fund	...	...				20,692	14	1
Welfare Fund	...	...				2,499	8	6
President's Travelling Fund	...	...				39,643	6	8
Miscellaneous Funds	...	...				16,415	12	0
Depreciation Fund :								
As per last Balance-sheet	...	...	79,856	13	11			
Add Depreciation on Buildings	...	...	6,838	0	0			
" " on Movable Property	...	...	1,881	0	0	88,575	13	11
Sundry Personal Deposits	...	...				1,27,900	12	5
Adyar Library : (Vide separate Account)	...	...				93,798	11	7
Bhojanasala (Boarding) :								
Advance Mess Income	...	...				223	5	6
* Vide Income and Expenditure Account for adjustment of last year's deficit from Donations received during the year.								
Carried over						15,96,987	11	8

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 1947

PROPERTY AND ASSETS											
Lands and Buildings Account :						Rs.		A.		P.	
As per last Balance-Sheet	...	...	...	...	...	5,17,122	3	4			
Add balance value of Adyar Recreation Club	...	...	...	...	...	400	0	0			
						5,17,522	3	4			
Less Value of dismantled huts	...	...	...	...	...	1,300	0	0			
Land in Sindh as per last Balance-Sheet	...	...	...	...	...				5,16,222	3	4
									10,000	0	0
Movable Properties Account :											
As per last Balance-sheet	...	...	...	...	...	22,904	15	11			
Add purchases during the year	...	...	...	...	...	2,922	7	0			
						25,827	6	11			
Less Sales during the year (Amount realised)	...	...	...	...	...	749	5	9			
									25,078	1	2
Investments at Cost :											
Rs. 20,600/- 3% Govt. of Madras Loan 1952	...	...	...	...	...	20,453	12	5			
Rs. 10,400/- 3% Conversion Loan 1946	...	...	...	...	...	10,400	0	0			
Rs. 44,100/- 3½% G. P. Notes 1947-50	...	...	...	...	...	44,639	2	0			
Rs. 1,13,400/- 4% (1960-70) Bonds	...	...	...	...	...	1,12,116	5	3			
Rs. 1,000/- 4% Madras Municipal Loan	...	...	...	...	...	1,056	9	0			
Rs. 70,000/- 3½% M.C.C.L.M. Bank Debentures	...	...	...	...	...	70,000	0	0			
Rs. 10,800/- (3% Rs. 10,000/- 3½% 800) at 103%	...	...	...	...	...	11,124	0	0			
Rs. 15,000/- 2½% M.C.C.L.M. Bank Debentures	...	...	...	...	...	15,000	0	0			
T.U.C.S. Ltd., Shares	...	...	...	...	...	86	15	0			
4% Funding Stock. 1960-90 £11,297-6-0	...	...	...	...	...	1,77,046	4	1			
Rs. 35,400/- 4½% India Stock. 1950-55	...	...	...	...	...	35,400	0	0			
Rs. 80,000/- 3% Defence Loan 1953-55	...	...	...	...	...	80,000	0	0			
Rs. 1,60,000/- 3% Victory Loan 1957	...	...	...	...	...	1,60,049	14	0			
Rs. 80,000/- 3% First Development Loan 1970-75	...	...	...	...	...	77,747	2	0			
Investments in U.S.A.	...	...	...	...	...	5,973	12	9			
Certificates of Post-war Credit £54-2-7	...	...	...	...	...	713	12	6			
Empire of India Life Assurance Policy (present surrender value of Life Policy for Rs. 30,000 assigned).	...	...	...	...	...	14,400	0	0			
									8,36,207	9	0
Rs. 300/- 3% Conversion Loan—1946	...	...	...	...	...				300	0	0
Interest accrued on Investments	...	...	...	...	...				6,590	0	7
Fees and Dues outstanding	...	...	...	...	...				9,334	9	5
Sundry Debtors	...	...	...	...	...				31,980	8	3
Adyar Library : (Vide separate Account)	...	...	...	...	...				87,491	3	7
Bhojanasala (Stores) :											
Advances	...	...	...	...	...	500	0	0			
Loan	...	...	...	...	...	1,500	0	0			
									2,000	0	0
Bhojanasala : (Boarding)											
Stock on hand	...	...	...	...	...	418	10	3			
Sundry Debtors	...	...	...	...	...	81	12	6			
Security Deposit	...	...	...	...	...	65	0	0			
Kitchen Utensils, less Depreciation	...	...	...	...	...	792	0	0			
Advance Rent	...	...	...	...	...	40	0	0			
Cash on hand	...	...	...	...	...	253	1	1			
									1,650	7	10
Carried over	...	...	...	...	...				15,26,854	11	2

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 1947 (continued)

PROPERTY AND ASSETS				Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Amount brought forward							15,26,854	11	2
Engineering Department :									
Electrical Installation, less Depreciation	...	...	...	20,102	6	0			
Tools, less Depreciation	...	...	...	2,208	14	0			
Stock on hand	...	...	...	17,353	10	6			
Advances : To Staff	...	15	0 0						
For Materials	...	1,376	0 0						
Prepaid Fire Insurance premium	...	97	0 0						
				1,488	0	0			
Security Deposit with M.E.S.C.	...	...	...	500	0	0			
Cash on hand	...	...	...	100	0	0			
							41,752	14	6
Garden Department :									
Stock on hand	...	...	...	318	11	9			
Bullock Cart and Cattle, less Depreciation	...	...	...	1,388	13	0			
Tools and Implements	...	...	...	622	4	0			
Bee Hives Account	...	...	...	91	12	3			
Casuarina Development Account	...	...	...	7,039	7	1			
Sundry Debtors	...	...	...	1,955	7	3			
Advances	...	...	...	8	8	0			
Cash on hand	...	...	...	14	8	3			
							11,439	7	7
Laundry :									
Stock on hand	...	...	...	91	1	6			
Laundry Equipment, less Depreciation	...	...	...	507	12	0			
Tools and Implements	...	...	...	303	5	0			
Cash on hand	...	...	...	50	0	0			
							952	2	6
Leadbeater Chambers :									
Advance for purchases	...	...	...	20	0	0			
Stock on hand	...	...	...	279	4	0			
Kitchen Utensils, less Depreciation	...	...	...	1,205	2	6			
Sundry Debtors	...	...	...	7	11	0			
Cash on hand	...	...	...	198	14	2			
							1,710	15	8
Vasanta Press :									
Machinery and Plant, less Depreciation	...	...	...	6,535	0	0			
Types, less Depreciation	...	...	...	759	7	3			
Electric Plant, less Depreciation	...	...	...	141	0	0			
Cycle Account, less Depreciation	...	...	...	107	3	9			
Stock on hand	...	...	...	7,778	12	0			
Cash on hand	...	...	...	100	0	0			
							15,421	7	0
Dairy :									
Live Stock	...	...	...	400	0	0			
Utensils	...	...	...	100	0	0			
Loan Advances	...	...	...	4,850	0	0			
							5,350	0	0
Dispensary Stock including Petty Cash Rs. 35	...	...	...				1,088	5	0
Value of materials recovered from dismantled huts	...	...	...				150	0	0
Cash on hand	...	...	...	11,274	7	9			
.. with Imperial Bank of India, Mount Road	...	...	...	15,730	10	3			
.. Grindlays Bank Ltd., Madras	...	...	...	22,040	3	1			
.. Midland Bank, Ltd., London	...	...	...	23,324	3	11			
							72,369	9	0
							16,77,089	8	5

Examined and found correct,
V. SOUNDARARAJAN, & CO.,
Registered Accountants.

(continued) INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF THE

		EXPENDITURE					
Budget Allotment	Rs.				Rs.	A.	P.
15,000	To	Salaries and Pensions	...	...	14,951	12	9
1,000	"	Purchase of Books, Manuscripts and Journals	...	...	858	14	8
4,000	"	Publications including Binding Charges	...	...	7,992	14	0
500	"	Repairs and Lighting and Conservancy	...	...	911	8	9
200	"	Postages	...	...	311	13	6
500	"	Printing and Stationery	...	...	528	14	1
100	"	Contingent and Miscellaneous	...	...	140	12	9
150	"	Fire Insurance	...	...	140	10	0
	"	Copying and Comparing Charges	...	...	413	11	6
	"	Diamond Jubilee Celebrations	...	...	467	12	0
300	"	Gratuity Reserve	...	...	645	0	0
250	"	Depreciation	...	...	250	13	0
					27,614	9	0

BALANCE SHEET OF THE

		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
<i>Adyar Library Endowment Fund :</i>							
As per last Balance-sheet	...	1,26,505	12	5			
Add donations received during the year	...	1,416	3	0			
		1,27,921	15	5			
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income during the year	...	4,570	11	4			
					1,23,351	4	1
Adyar Library Building Fund	...				1,27,786	6	3
<i>Adyar Library Fund :</i>							
As per last Balance-sheet	...	84,904	0	0			
Adyar Library Publications Fund	...	4,700	12	9			
Adyar Library Gratuities Reserve	...	2,374	5	4			
Adyar Library Book Deposit	...	448	0	3			
Adyar Library Donation Box Fund	...	1,175	1	3			
Sundry Creditors	...	196	8	0			
					93,798	11	7
					3,44,936	5	11

For The Theosophical Society,
C. D. SHORES,
Hony. Treasurer.

ADYAR
14th December 1947

ADYAR LIBRARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30-9-47

				INCOME			Budget Allotment
				Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.
By T.S. Contribution	...	...	...	5,000	0	0	5,000
„ Adyar Day Allocation	...	...	...	1,000	0	0	2,000
„ Miscellaneous Donations	...	...	...	558	0	0	
„ 2½ Interest on Endowments	...	...	...	6,375	8	3	7,000
„ Sale of Adyar Library Publications including Brahma Vidya	...	...	...	3,402	14	5	4,500
„ Copying and Comparing Charges	...	...	...	207	7	0	
„ Contribution from the Publication Fund	6,500	0	0	
„ Excess of Expenditure over Income	4,570	11	4	3,500

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ADYAR LIBRARY AS ON 30-9-47

	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
Adyar Library Books and Manuscripts ...	75,000	0	0				
<i>Adyar Library Furniture Account :</i>							
As per last Balance-sheet 10,034 2 0							
Less Depreciation @ 2½% 250 13 0							
				<hr/>	9,783	5	0
Adyar Library Suspense Advance Account.					56	14	7
Sale of Publications outstanding ...					2,644	10	0
Advance 					6	6	0
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						87,491	3 7
Balance with the T.S. 						2,57,445	2 4

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Examined and found correct.

V. SOUNDARARAJAN & Co.,

Registered Accountants.

THE T. S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1947-48

EXPENDITURE	Budget for 1946-'47	Actuals for 1946-'47	Budget for 1947-'48	INCOME	Budget for 1946-'47	Actuals for 1946-'47	Budget for 1947-'48
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Establishment—Salaries and Wages	16,500	18,243	16,500	Rent Income	28,000	37,780	40,000
Repairs and Renewals	17,000	37,709	30,000	Conservancy	900	1,066	1,000
Garden Expenses	20,000	26,373	26,500	Fees and Dues	15,000	21,489	20,000
Lighting and Water	2,500	2,644	2,500	Garden Income	16,700	19,581	19,500
Miscellaneous	3,500	4,423	3,500	Interest (Gross)	29,000	28,676	28,000
Watch and Ward	7,000	9,761	9,760	Administration Charges	7,130	7,130	7,130
Postages, Telegrams and Telephone	2,500	2,916	2,500	Donations		68,577	
Printing and Stationery	2,400	3,429	2,000	do. for past Deficit; T.S. Deficit for 1946-47	18,764	1,84,299	
Publications to General Secretaries	800	649	900	Laundry Deficit up to 30-9-'46	2,231		
Sanitation Expenses	2,500	3,293	3,760			20,995	
Taxes Account	11,000	11,025	11,000	Special Departments:			
Pensions	100	61	100	Vasanta Press	50,000	80,090	90,000
Interest on Funds and Accounts	14,000	11,308	12,000	Laundry	7,000	8,135	7,500
Donations to various Funds and Accounts		16,200		Engineering Department	60,700	98,838	83,550
Convention Account	3,500	159	1,000	Deficit to be made good by Donations.	58,534	2,542	32,090
Contributions:							
Adyar Library	5,000	5,000	5,000				
President's Travelling Fund	13,000	13,000	6,600				
Dispensary	3,600	3,070	2,800				
Museum and Archives	150	70	150				
Depreciation:	8,000	8,719	8,000				
Loss on Year Book		952					
Loss on Dismantled Huts		1,150					
Laundry Deficit for 1946-'47		2,164					
Bhojanasala deficit	650	1,120	650				
Leadbeater Chambers deficit	2,800	3,403	2,500				
		1,86,841					
Deficit for the year 1946-'47	18,764	18,764					
Laundry Deficit up to 30-9-'46		2,231					
Special Departments:							
Vasanta Press	50,000	80,090	90,000				
Laundry	7,000	8,135	7,500				
Engineering Department	60,700	98,838	83,550				
	2,72,964	3,94,899	3,28,700		2,72,964	3,94,899	3,28,700

For the Theosophical Society,
C. D. SHORES,
Hony. Treasurer.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY BUDGET FOR 1947-'48

EXPENDITURE	Budget for 1946-'47 Rs.	Actuals for 1946-'47 Rs.	Budget for 1947-'48 Rs.	INCOME	Budget for 1946-'47 Rs.	Actuals for 1946-'47 Rs.	Budget for 1947-'48 Rs.
Salaries and Pensions ...	15,000	14,952	15,500	T.S. Contribution ...	5,000	5,000	5,000
Purchase of Books, Manuscripts and Journals ...	1,000	1,272	750	Sale of Publications ...	4,500	3,403	3,500
Publication including Binding ...	4,000	* 7,993	6,000	Allocation from Adyar Day and other Donations ...	2,000	** 1,558	2,500
Repairs, Lighting and Conservancy ...	500	† 911	500	Interest on Endowments...	7,000	6,375	7,000
Postages ...	200	313	200	Copying Charges ...		207	
Printing and Stationery ...	500	529	500	Contribution from Publication Fund ...		6,500	
Contingencies and Miscellaneous ...	100	141	100	Excess of Expenditure over Income to be made good by special Donations, Legacies, etc. ...	3,500	4,572	7,100
Fire Insurance ...	150	140	150				
Diamond Jubilee Celebrations ...		468	500				
Gratuity Reserve ...	300	645	650				
Depreciation ...	250	251	250				
	22,000	27,615	25,100		22,000	27,615	25,100

Note: The Accounts show a deficit of Rs. 4,572/- against an estimated Budget deficit of Rs. 3,500/- In the main the increase is due to the following causes:

* *Increased cost of Printing Charges.* Though the increased rates were notified in April, 1947, retrospective effect was given to the same with effect from 1st October, 1946. Even at increased rates our Press rates are more favourable, considering all things, than rates elsewhere. The increased cost—specially on account of the publication of the Descriptive Catalogue—was foreseen in the middle of the year and a Special Fund called the Publication Fund was constituted for the purpose to meet cost of special publications. This Fund is urgently in need of strengthening.

† An increase of a little over Rs. 400/- under 'Repairs' due to repairs held over during war-time being undertaken now.

** Grants from Adyar Day Collections were reduced from Rs. 2,500/- in 1944-45 to Rs. 1,000/- subsequently.

G. SRINIVASA MURTI,

Hony. Director.

THE FAITHFUL SERVICE FUND

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30-9-1947

DISBURSEMENTS				RECEIPTS			
		Rs.	A. P.			Rs.	A. P.
To Miss E. M. Amery @ Rs. 160/- p.m. for 11 months = Rs. 1,760 and Rs. 155 for 1 month ...	1,915	0	0	By Opening Balance ...	34,718	9	5
„ Miss Helen Veale @ Rs. 120/- p.m. ...	1,440	0	0	„ Donations including Adyar Day Allocation ...	3,808	11	0
„ Dr. Anna Kamensky ...	1,478	4	11	„ Rent from Manjeri House ...	240	0	0
„ Madame P. Cazin @ Rs. 65/- p.m. ...	780	0	0	„ Interest ...	610	9	9
„ Mr. C. V. Shah @ Rs. 85/- p.m. ...	1,020	0	0				
„ Mr. C. S. Trilokekar @ Rs. 50/- p.m. ...	600	0	0				
„ Mr. L. Subramania Iyer @ Rs. 35/- p.m. ...	420	0	0				
„ Mr. Manjeri S. Rama Iyer @ Rs. 20/- p.m. ...	240	0	0				
„ Contribution to the Clara Codd Pension Fund £25/-/- ...	336	0	0				
„ Money Order commission, etc....	9	1	0				
„ Balance carried over ...	31,139	8	3				
	39,377	14	2				
						39,377	14 2

Note: The Accounts show a deficit of Rs. 5,725/- against an estimated Budget deficit of Rs. 5,500/- in the main the income is due to the following reasons:

Increased cost of Printing Charges. Though the increased rates were notified in April, 1947, retrospective effect was given to the same with effect from 1st October, 1946. Even as increased rates are being notified, the rates are still higher than rates elsewhere. The increased cost—especially on account of the publication of the Descriptive Catalogue—was between in the middle of the year and a special fund called the Publication Fund was constituted for the purpose to meet cost of special publications. This fund is urgently in need of strengthening.

An increase of a little over Rs. 500/- under 'Repairs' due to repairs held over during war time being undertaken now.

** Grants from Adyar Day Collections were reduced from Rs. 5,500/- in 1944-45 to Rs. 1,000/- in 1946-47.

G. SRINIVASA MURTHI,
Honorary Director

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1947

					Rs.	A.	P.
The Theosophical Society in U. S. A.,	\$1,824.79	1946-47	...		6,034	5	9
" " " "	England, £238-14-4	1946-47	...		3,154	8	3
" " " "	India, 1945-46	...	...		2,464	15	0
" " " "	Netherlands, 1,500 gldrs.	1945-46	...		1,922	5	0
" " " "	Sweden, £140-0-0	...	...		1,860	3	0
" " " "	Switzerland	...	...		944	2	6
" " " "	Cuba, \$251.65	1945-46 & '46-'47	...		823	14	2
" " " "	Argentina, £47-10-10	1946 & 47	...		629	15	0
" " " "	New Zealand, £39-15-7	1946-47	...		528	8	2
" " " "	Australia, £27-17-8	...	...		370	6	0
" " " "	Canada, £24-2-6	1945-46	...		319	9	0
" " " "	Mexico, £17-4-0	1946	...		226	15	6
" " " "	Scotland, £16-13-7	1946-47	...		221	9	7
" " " "	British East Africa	...	...		138	2	1
" " " "	Portugal, £9-17-1	...	...		130	9	11
" " " "	Philippine Islands	...	...		122	1	0
" " " "	Hungary, £9-0-0	June 1947	...		118	15	5
" " " "	Wales, £8-16-0	...	...		116	1	10
" " " "	Puerto Rico, 1945-46	...	...		87	9	0
" " " "	Colombia, \$25.00	...	...		81	10	0
" " " "	Chile, \$20.00	1946-47	...		65	4	0
" " " "	Germany, £3-17-7	August 47	...		51	4	3
" " " "	Ireland, 1946-47	...	...		43	8	6
" " " "	Costa Rica, \$33.25	...	...		110	2	10
Non Sectionalized Lodges and Headquarters dues from un-					922	10	7
attached members	...	...	...	...	21,489	4	4

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT'S TRAVELLING FUND

					Rs.	A.	P.
Karachi Lodge, T.S.	...	...	...	...	300	0	0
The T.S. in Scotland, £4-16-10	...	...	...	...	64	3	0
The T.S. in England £130-0-0	...	...	...	...	1,585	1	5
Contribution from Headquarters	...	...	...	...	13,000	0	0
					14,949	4	5

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL
SECRETARIES OF THE
NATIONAL SOCIETIES

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

This has been a year in which the Theosophical Society in America has made major contributions to the international life of the Society.

Regarding our international activity, there are further revivals of European Sections of the Theosophical Society and their rehabilitation. Germany, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Roumania are active Sections once more; and one new Section—British East Africa—has been formed. The President, Mr. Jinarājadāsa, has carried out his plan to reach Europe as quickly as conditons permitted. He is there today and has been attending and will attend National Conventions of the Society in Ireland, England, Netherlands, France, Italy, Belgium. He is present at the Round Table Conference in Switzerland which is being attended by delegates from the British Isles and all over Europe. This latter most important Conference of European workers to be held since the war, to which we also were invited to send delegates, is meeting in Geneva at this time.

The Rehabilitation Fund, to which so many gave so generously during the past four or five years, helped to make that Conference possible. That fund has now reached the climax of usefulness in revitalizing the Theosophical Society in Europe. The Fund has been closed and our major effort to help our European brothers is now being channelled through our parcels project to help, feed and clothe the neediest workers. Our Lodges continue to make themselves responsible for families in Europe, sending them parcels regularly. From Olcott alone have been mailed this year 562 packages serving families largely in Austria,

Hungary, and a few in Germany, Roumania and Italy. The cost of packages sent from Olcott this year amounted to \$5705.83, and it is estimated that at least an equal amount must have been spent by Lodges and individuals. During the past two years on this project, Olcott has disbursed \$8447.77 from contributions sent in for this purpose; and, again estimating an additional amount spent by Lodges and individuals over the Section, it is estimated that a total of \$17,000 has been spent in the two years.

Last autumn, the International Vice-President, Mr. Cook, and Mrs. Cook travelled to India, and there Mr. Cook is engaged in organizational and financial aspects of the work of the international Centre—Adyar. The President has expressed particular gratification for the successful manner in which these operations are proceeding.

Of further international importance was the invitation extended to the Theosophical Society to send delegates to a meeting of non-governmental organizations called under the provisions of the General Assembly of the United Nations. Mr. Jinarājadāsa requested your National President to represent him at this five-day Conference. It indicated the urgent need for individual Theosophists, as well as Lodges, to help in the organization and promotion wherever possible of informative and inspiring programmes aimed at spreading interest in United Nations.

Turning now to present conditions of our national Society, last July the budget estimated for this past fiscal year faced a \$3,000 deficit—partly due to the continued need to meet

larger items of capital replacement. The administration had to plan for larger field and operating costs in a year of rising prices, and expenditures have followed approximately the estimated outlay. The year has ended with a balanced budget, the deficit being met, not by unusual donations but by united and inspiring effort we made together to collect the SPOTLIGHT FUND.

Regarding this, we set out primarily to aid Adyar's deficit and to provide a fund for Field Expansion work in this Section. Pledges of \$16,695 were received, and of these \$16,600 were paid by the end of the fiscal year. Of this, \$8,024.40 is Adyar's portion, the balance of \$8,074.93 being available: (a) to proceed with the Field Plan for creation of new Lodges; (b) to defray the cost of a new pump; and (c) to meet the projected deficit of our own budget. I feel that I cannot say too much in praise and appreciation of our Lodges and members who made this splendid achievement possible.

Although no large donations to the General Funds have been received by the Society this year, we have received about the average number of smaller ones. The income from dues has continued to show a small increase over the previous years. This is a healthy condition of affairs which I hope will continue to appreciate until we are able to carry our normal budget altogether with dues income, and use donations for investment and further expansion of the work. This year the projected budget is balanced with foreseeable income and, barring the unexpected, we should end the coming year without a deficit.

Under the direction of Mr. Thomas Pond of Baltimore, the Adyar Day Fund this year reached the sum of \$10,800, which was forwarded to Adyar. Mr. Jinarājādāsa expressed the deepest appreciation for the relief this contribution afforded the Adyar situa-

tion, and sent his appreciative thanks both to Mr. Pond and to the membership.

Our activities in the field have been increased considerably, and outstanding contributions to the life of the Section have been made by Miss Clara Codd, and Mr. and Mrs. John Coats. It has been the Society's good fortune that these grand people—notable Theosophists—have been with us and will continue to be for the next year. Itineraries were arranged for national tours by Miss Codd and Mr. and Mrs. Coats and the National President, who was able to reach all areas of the Section save the Texas Federation which will receive first attention by him with the opening of next season's tour.

In addition, at the beginning of the season your National President attended the Labour Day sessions at Pumpkin Hollow Camp, and together with Mrs. Perkins attended the five-day Conference at Lake Success. Later this spring, both of us were present at the Ohio Federation in Cleveland.

I found it possible also to include a lecture in Toronto, where friendly contacts were made with the General Secretary of the Canadian Section and the workers at the headquarters there. In addition to tours arranged by headquarters, outstanding have been the visits to Lodges and Federations by Mr. Fritz Kunz and Mr. L. W. Rogers. Reports from Federations indicate full scale activity, the programmes being carried out by a number of fine workers, a list of whom I wish there were space and time to include.

With the funds provided by the SPOTLIGHT pledges, we were able to place Miss Joy Mills in charge of the new operations designed to build Lodges in cities where there are no Lodges or where Lodges have become inactive. Two experiments were planned and carried through—the one in the mid-West and the other in the East. Two workers assisted Miss Mills, giving the

opening lectures in each city of the circuit, followed by classes conducted by Miss Mills in each city on the circuit once a week for six weeks. As a result of this activity, new Lodges were formed in 12 cities and Study Groups in 3.

Membership.—The membership records for the year show that we have received on our rolls 463 new members—the largest annual record in the past twelve years; 333 were transferred to the inactive list. This is also a larger number than usual and may be attributed, in part at least, to the fact that Headquarters could put no lecturers in the field the year preceding this one. Death removed 65 names from our rolls, and resignations 63. On the other hand, reinstatements were 113—an increase over last year. The net gain in Membership of 116 is almost identical with last year's net gain—despite the larger number of inactives. Especially gratifying, is the record of 13 new Lodges chartered. Three Lodges were dissolved, so that their members could unite in becoming charter members of new Lodges, and three other Lodges were dissolved that had become inactive.

Total membership June 30th 1947: 3825. Gain 116.

Total Lodges June 30th 1947: 136.

Among the 65 members who have passed on this year, I mention particularly:

Claude Bragdon, Author, artist, and architect; Florian A. Baker, Los Angeles, Theosophical Book Association for the Blind; Charles Elliott Fouser, Dekalb, Illinois, Composer and Musician; Victor Potel, Hollywood, Actor, and active promoter of animal welfare.

Of great interest is the formation in the Southern California Federation of a Literary Committee organized to promote the writing of articles for THE THEOSOPHIST, THE AMERICAN THEOSOPHIST, and DISCOVERY.

DISCOVERY has consistently met with approval, and will continue publi-

cation. A new pamphlet on *Karma* has been issued to replace the former publicity leaflet on that subject. Added to the three Successful Service booklets previously issued—*Helpful Hints*, *Outline of Lodge Organization*, and *The Lodge*—we now have *The President* and *The Secretary*. To parallel the well-known pamphlet *To Those Who Mourn*, we have produced, aided by the Mothers Research Group, a leaflet on infancy, entitled *The Gateway of Birth*.

In regard to the Study Courses, this year production will begin on the series of courses under the master plan.

In the Information Department reports show that over 12,200 leaflets were distributed to more than a thousand new inquirers during the year. Twenty-one new members have been added to the Society's rolls through this department's activities. One of the outstanding achievements of the Department has been the placing of 1345 books, new and used, in the hands of individuals and libraries.

At this point should be mentioned Captain Russel Lloyd Jones' very important project of financing the publication of a new edition of 1,500 volumes of Dr. Bhagavan Das' *The Essential Unity of All Religions* and its distribution to outstanding people in the business, educational and cultural world.

The Correspondence Course is increasingly useful. The course is made available to every new member without charge. Mailings totalling an average of 155 go out each month.

The Theosophical Press reports again this year a considerable increase in volume of sales over last year. Examination of inventory indicates almost no dead stock or any of doubtful value on the shelves. The inventory includes a substantial supply of sets of *The Secret Doctrine*, reprinted last year in anticipation of several years' delay in republishing it at Adyar (due to Indian restrictions on the use of paper. Ed.).

The Press is now the only house able to supply the Adyar edition, and prospects still appear doubtful at this time that Adyar will republish it within the next few years.

During the year, photographic reprints of *Man: Whence, How and Whither* and *Theosophy for Little Children* by Clara Codd, have been issued; and a new reprint of *Voice of the Silence* has been published.

The Press is agent in the United States for THE THEOSOPHIST, and reports that subscriptions at present total approximately 10% of the number of members. I hope that more members will investigate the worth of our international journal and become subscribers. Every Lodge should make certain that a subscription is available for the use of its members and officers.

There are a number of lesser known activities of the Press that are not normally given specific mention in the President's Annual Report. Among these are such items as the storing, handling and invoicing and shipping of thousands of such pamphlets as the publicity leaflets—approximately 35,000 of which moved through the Press this year. Another example is the Press activity of providing the library at no cost with 29 titles of review copies. The actual reviews, of course, were assigned by the editorial department of THE AMERICAN THEOSOPHIST.

Among Press matters, there should be mentioned the activities of the Theosophical Book Gift Institute project which has received contributions totaling \$8421.41 that have been used to send a travelling representative through thirty-six States in this country, resulting in the placing of 4039 Theosophical books in 864 libraries and many hundreds of large Theosophical pamphlets in jails, prisons, where no libraries exist.

The report of the National Librarian discloses a sustained use of the library. Approximately 4000 books have been

circulated, 465 books—mostly Theosophical—being added to the shelves; and 60 new members of the National Library were added, making a present total of 266 members. A National Library Committee was appointed and a Library policy formulated by the Committee. Foreign language books, with the exception of the Spanish books, were eliminated and sent to various European Sections. A copy of every Theosophical book was placed in the Reference Library, so that even books now out of print would be secured for the use of future students. Book review magazines were exchanged with the English Section of the Society. An effort was made to bring the science section up-to-date, and the section on philosophy was increased, a few books also being added to the art section.

At the National Headquarters, the once-a-month Olcott Sundays had an outstanding programme of public lectures by Mr. John Coats, Mrs. Betsan Coats, Miss Clara Codd, Mr. E. Norman Pearson, Miss Joy Mills, Mr. Edwin Lord, and the National President.

The Mothers' Research Group continued to publish and distribute its excellent magazine to members in this and foreign countries. Its committees of Clippings, Publicity, Indexing, Bible, and Preparation for Parenthood have been busy preparing and following up lists of various organizations that might be interested in their work; preparing Bible lessons for children; compiling reference index of pertinent Theosophical material; writing pamphlets; and gathering material from all sources. This Group has also participated in the European Relief project, sending 55 boxes of food and clothes abroad as its contribution.

The Theosophical Book Association for the Blind has printed a members' bulletin each month, circulation of which has increased by 110 copies—60 to new members and 50 to foreign

countries. A total of 31 volumes were transcribed into Braille. Six new pupils have been trained in the transcription of Braille, and one member received a Grade 2 certificate in Braille from the Library of Congress.

The Theosophical Order of Service in the United States reports that all departments have been activated this year, a new Hand-book has been printed, and an Annual Bulletin mimeographed.

Its Peace Department, in addition to preparing 2500 leaflets, has made fine contacts with organizations in the field of better relations, and with ten organizations striving for world unity and brotherhood. In the International Correspondence League the European project has been the most natural stimulant to this work, and exchange of letters between our brothers in Europe and those in the United States has been most important in commencing friendships. Plans are being considered for the exchange of letters in Braille between blind members in Europe and the United States; the principal activity of the Arts and Crafts department has been that of creating and offering dramatic readings and plays; the Healing Department has continued its effective work through its groups all over the country; the Social Service department, most active of all Order of Service departments, sent abroad 2872 parcels containing clothing, bedding, supplies of all kinds, and food. This figure includes the number of parcels sent from Olcott. Other activities of this department included sending books to prisons and Veterans' Hospitals, aiding Chinese Relief, visiting hospitals and homes for the aged, furnishing books to young people's clubs, and even the care and education of homeless children. The Right Citizenship Group devoted its efforts to the issuance of its bulletins. From its treasury, the Order of Service financed a tour, made by its head, to Northern and Southern Cali-

fornia and to our Convention here, in the interests of the work of the Order.

The Order of the Round Table has continued to issue its three printed bulletins a year. The "Pen Friends" has carried on its work of corresponding with members of the Round Table in European countries. Parcels for a family in Theosophical Headquarters in Paris have been the responsibility of the Round Table. The Order also sent its annual contribution to the Arundale Educational Fund to be used for the needs of the Besant Theosophical School at Adyar. This year the contribution amounted to \$145.00.

The To-Those-Who-Mourn Club requisitioned 16,088 leaflets for distribution over the Section.

Entries in every classification but one were submitted to the Olcott Foundation this year: 11 Lectures; 5 Poems; 1 Short Story; 1 Drama; 3 Musical Compositions; 16 Paintings.

The Worker Training Committee created and carried out again a week's worker training session at Headquarters just preceding the Convention.

The Integration Committee has made notable progress in bringing to the attention of the educational world an outline for the integration of modern thought and the ancient wisdom.

The Public Study Courses Committee has completed more detailed outlines for the production of the first units of the series included in the Master Plan presented last year.

The Headquarters Expansion Committee is giving thought to the future needs of Headquarters and the way in which these needs are to be met.

In closing, I turn again to the Centre at Adyar. Last year we received news of changing conditions affecting the financial status of the International Headquarters. The call upon us to help with the immediate Adyar deficit we met generously with the SPOTLIGHT FUND contributions. Further changes have now occurred in the reorganization

of Adyar's activities. Among these, the wages of workers have been raised to the minimum wage levels established by the government. That rise has entailed an additional budget item of 20,000 rupees, or some \$6,000 or \$7,000 annually, and there is a large budget deficit this year.

During the year, since Mr. Cook's arrival at Adyar, our President and Vice-President have worked out a plan whereby Adyar's needs can be taken care of permanently. This can be done if members of the Society can create an investment fund of some 2,000,000 Rupees—approximately \$750,000—the income from which will insure that Adyar's normal routine needs will be adequately met. The amount of the proposed sum seems large until one reflects that for 30,000 members it represents \$25.00 each to be collected over a period of years. Viewed thus, the amount comes within the realm of possibility. In this year of the Centenary of Annie Besant and Charles W. Leadbeater we have a propitious time for bringing the enterprise to birth. Since Annie Besant was principally responsible for the expansion of Adyar from its original size to its present proportions, it is fitting that the fund be collected under her name. For these reasons, the fund has the title: "Besant Adyar World (Commemorative) Fund." I hope that everyone clearly understands the name and purpose of this fund. You have already begun to contribute to this fund, and we have recently mailed to Adyar our first check for \$12,830.00.

Keep in mind that this is a long-term project. Every dollar will go into an

investment to endow Adyar. The money in this fund, however, does not relieve the current budget situation there. That immediate need can receive our assistance through the regular Adyar Day Fund that is collected in February. For this reason we must see that the Adyar Day Fund receives extraordinary attention from the membership next February. We will thus have contributed to both the permanent endowment and the immediate pressing need of the International Centre. But surely the first need is to do all we can to secure the Centre and therefore the work of the Theosophical Society for centuries to come.

To all Theosophists this is an old story that never fails to thrill with its challenge. We have come together into an incarnation rich with opportunity for service. The rewards of our labours are not to be looked for in this world. But the harvest we will take with us into the future will be fruitful with egoic memories of work well done, with promise of glorious achievement tomorrow, in the Society of Those who are our true and immortal Leaders.

Such realization must inspire us to meet joyously the problems before us; we can be charged with hope and courage as we set about the great tasks laid upon our shoulders by our Elder Brothers. We can remember, in an age as critical as this one is for human welfare, that perhaps it can be said of us too, "Never was so much expected from so few."

JAMES S. PERKINS,

General Secretary.

ENGLAND

General.—During the past year steady progress has been made in all departments of our work. The Federation Conferences have been well attended. The majority of Lodges are now undertaking propaganda lectures as well as members' meetings and study classes. The Eastern Federation in Clacton, the Annie Besant Lodge in Birmingham and the Sheffield and Tunbridge Wells Lodges each organized special lectures, taking a large public hall, advertising the meetings in the press and with posters and distributing free literature. Lord Dowding, F.T.S. took one of these and attracted a large audience, as did also Mr. Peter Freeman, M. P. The presence of our President in the Section for several months has done much to invigorate the work and to strengthen our members in their devotion to the cause of Theosophy as a service to humanity.

Visitors.—We have been greatly privileged in having with us again the President, Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa, who presided at the Annual Convention and also took the White Lotus Day meeting.

The Vice-President, Mr. Sidney Cook, and Mrs. Cook, also paid a short visit to this country on their way from India to the United States, but their stay was too short to meet more than a very few members.

Mr. N. Sri Ram arrived in September, and it was possible to arrange visits for him to various parts of the country. He was the speaker at the Midland and North-Western Federation Conferences and also went to Edinburgh, Cardiff and London.

In November last year we had the pleasure of a brief visit from the Hon. H.G.R. Mason and Mrs. Mason, of New Zealand, who each gave a much appreciated talk at Headquarters.

During August Mr. Henry Hotchener visited the Summer School for a day whilst staying here on his way from the United States to India and we also had a visit from Dr. Nobre Santos, the General Secretary of Portugal, his wife and three young Portuguese members.

Europe.—The General Secretary attended the Round Table Conference at Weggis, and the Workers' Week in Geneva, where she presided over the Discussion Group in English. She was also the principal speaker at the Annual Conventions of the Irish and Scottish Sections.

War Distress Relief Committee.—A list of needy members on the Continent has been steadily lengthening and parcels of food and clothing have been sent to all those countries we have been able to contact. Lodges and individual members all over the country have made contributions of rationed food and clothing, so that it has been possible to send off many hundreds of parcels.

Besant Adyar Fund.—In response to the President's appeal, over £1,000 was donated by members and Lodges through Headquarters, apart from sums sent by individuals direct to Adyar.

Headquarters Activities.—Public Lectures on Sundays and Wednesdays, and Lodge meetings on almost every evening of the week have continued. The fuel shortage still prevents us from meeting in the Besant Hall in the winter, and some of the lectures in Headquarters have been crowded out so that those attending have had to listen in the hall and library through the amplifying system which has been installed.

The Lodge meetings, study classes, League of Healing Group, etc., continue as before.

The Round Table has once again been inaugurated at Headquarters and

meets monthly with 25 members, nearly all of whom attend regularly. There is a Children's meeting once a month after the Round Table ceremony, when talks are given and lantern slides shown. The President gave a very inspiring and friendly talk in May to a large number of children.

The Liaison Officer, Mr. Jeffrey Williams sent out nearly 1,000 circulars to Lodges and spiritualist societies appealing to those in sympathy with the idea that the death penalty should be abolished, to write to the Home Secretary urging that a clause abolishing the death penalty should be inserted in the forthcoming Criminal Justice Bill. Many sympathetic replies were received, and a favourable comment was printed in an editorial in *PSYCHIC NEWS*.

The work of the International Correspondence League has been further extended, and correspondence with 205 members in 17 countries has been arranged.

The Benevolent Fund is growing as a result of Lodge and members' individual contributions, and needy members have been helped in temporary difficulties from its funds.

Publicity Dept.—At the beginning of the year, the National Council sanctioned a poster and roof-card campaign in the London Underground railways, the expense of which is to be partly met out of capital. This advertises the Headquarters Library and public lectures, and is to continue till the end of the year. Several new booklets were issued, among them *Occultism and Western Psychology* by Adelaide Gardner, *The Mystery of Death* by Geoffrey Hodson, *Christianity and the Ancient Wisdom*, by Jean Delaire, and several leaflets on *Reincarnation* in preparation for the Reincarnation campaign held in October throughout the country.

Membership.—There has been a nett increase of 89 members over the previous year, making a total of 3,783. Five new Lodges were chartered, and

two were dissolved. Four new Centres were formed, and twelve dissolved (five becoming Lodges).

Library.—The total number of outside subscribers was 448 as against 407 in the previous year. The total number of books circulated was 17,976, as against 18,349 during the previous year. Monthly teas have been started, at which a well-known author, who is not necessarily a member of the Society, gives a lecture, in order to attract a different public from that which attends our public lectures.

Wesak Festival.—A meeting arranged in London by the Buddhist Society was attended by well over a hundred F.T.S. Mr. Jinarājadāsa and Mr. T. Christmas Humphreys, the President of the Buddhist Society, were the two principal speakers and the proceedings were recorded by the B.B.C. and broadcast in the Far Eastern Service.

Annual Convention.—This was a notable occasion, as we had Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa with us, for the first time as President, and was outstanding for its atmosphere of vitality, joy and friendliness. There were far more people present at all the lectures than in recent years, and among them were a large number of new members. A condensed account of all the lectures and discussions was given in *THEOSOPHICAL NEWS AND NOTES*, and the Blavatsky Lecture is in print. The lectures, although there had been no previous consultation, all followed the theme of Regeneration, and members went back to their work much refreshed in spirit. Hospitality was provided for over a hundred members from the provinces and abroad, in spite of the difficult conditions in which many London members live.

Summer Schools and Weekend.—For the first time in nine years it was again possible to hold a Summer School, and the Conference House at High Leigh, Hoddesdon, Herts., about 30 miles north of London, was taken. It was

open to members only, and there were just under 140 residents there in each of the two weeks. A number of members paid visits, so that about 200 in all contacted the School for a shorter or longer period. Sixteen lectures were given during the fortnight, and there were four study groups meeting simultaneously four times each week. As there was perfect summer weather, there was ample scope for enjoying the beautiful surroundings, taking walks and making excursions.

Earlier in the year a much appreciated Easter Week-end was arranged by the Southern Federation near Bath, when Mrs. Gardner and Dr. and Mrs. Bendit were the principal speakers. 26 members attended.

About 40 members in all attended the Summer School at Gammel Praestegaard, Denmark, which was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Ransom, and the Workers' Week in Geneva arranged by the European Federation.

Art.—Headquarters has had cause to be grateful for the services of its artist members, both professional and amateur. At the Convention a play reading was given by members of the Youth Lodge, of the Hell Scene from *Man and Superman*, which delighted all present. There was also a splendid dance, violin and piano recital by Miss Cleo Nordi, Mr. Felix Vandyl and Miss Adela Kopowska, at which a collection of £46 was taken for the Besant Adyar World Fund.

Bertram Allen Tomes.—In August the Section lost a distinguished member in Mr. Tomes, who apart from his professional work of teaching higher mathematics and science, gave liberally of his energy and ability to the Section for 35 years. He was a constant lecturer, and for many years a member of the National Council and Executive Committee.

DORIS GROVES,
General Secretary.

INDIA

INTRODUCTION

The year 1947 has been most important in the life of India as it brought to her the realization of her political objective, for on 15th August 1947 India was admitted as a free and equal partner in the British Commonwealth of Nations—an ideal for which Dr. Besant ceaselessly worked for many a year. It is a happy coincidence that during the Besant Centenary year India should have attained to her full nationhood as a free country. In the context of India's freedom the work of the Theosophical Society in this country assumes great importance for the light of Theosophy must now

be brought to bear in an increasing manner upon the intricate problems of national reconstruction. We, the Theosophists in India, must strike our distinctive note so that India's new national structure may be inspired by her great spiritual and cultural traditions. We must not only be steeped in our Theosophical understanding but keep ourselves in closest contact with the forces and movements of national reconstruction that exist to-day or that may emerge hereafter. While we do rejoice in India's freedom we cannot but feel sad that this freedom has come by dividing the country into two Dominions. India, the land of religious synthesis, has displayed to the world

religious intolerance of the worst kind. Educating the minds of the people of India towards cultural harmony and co-operative behaviour is the immediate task set before us.

Relief and Rehabilitation.—We are today faced with a very urgent and serious problem and that is to give relief to numerous Theosophists who have been forced to leave their homes due to political disturbances. Apart from these individuals, our Lodges in these affected areas have been completely submerged under the floods of communal madness. In spite of the existence of great danger to life and property our members in different Lodges guarded the Lodge buildings at great risks to themselves. We are indeed very grateful to these brave Theosophists for the splendid loyalty they have shown to the cause of Theosophy during this dark hour of their acute suffering. During the coming year we will have to plan out ways and means of rehabilitating these Lodges so that they may start their work without any delay. For the purposes of this Relief and Rehabilitation we have organized the necessary machinery at the Indian Section Headquarters. I appeal to all the members of the Indian Section to help us generously in this very urgent work.

A GENERAL SURVEY

Visiting Lecturers.—During the major part of the year, our President was away from India touring the countries of Europe. But during the few months that he was in India, he visited Bombay and Bhavnagar and he also presided over the Jubilee celebrations of the Karachi Lodge. Bro. N. Sri Ram too was for the most part of the year out of India. He was however able to visit Bombay, Ahmedabad and Karachi during the year.

Shrimati Rukmini Devi visited Delhi, Gwalior, Karachi, Ahmedabad and

Bombay in connection with the Besant Centenary work.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Cook on their way to Adyar from America visited Karachi and Bombay Lodges. They also visited Masulipatam where a new Lodge building was opened.

Shridevi Mehta and I visited nineteen towns and I presided over the annual sessions of the Andhra Circars, the Bihar, the Sind-Multan-Baluchistan and Gujarat-Kathiawar Federations. I also presided over a Workers' Camp held at Surat while Shridevi Mehta conducted a Youth Camp at Karachi. Sri Harjivan Mehta, who was appointed National Lecturer of the Indian Section by the Executive Committee, visited 24 places during the year.

Prof. R. S. Bhagawat of Thanā who has been doing lecturing work in Maharashtra for the last several years, did extensive touring this year in the United Provinces and Bihar.

Sri A. Ranganatham and Sri M. Subramania Iyer visited a number of places in the Andhra and Tamil districts. There is a great need for lecturers and organisers to visit our Lodges in the South, particularly in the Tamil area where practically no field work has been done for a number of years.

Our Joint General Secretaries also did a great amount of touring during the year. Sri N. V. Tampi (for West) visited Lodges in Bombay, Gujarat-Kathiawar and Sind-Multan-Baluchistan Federations. Sri U. G. Krishnamurti (for South) visited a number of Lodges in the Southern Division. Sri Radha Kant Saran (for East) visited almost all the Lodges of the Bihar Federation and also a number of Lodges in the United Provinces.

Our two Field-workers, Sri Bhu-patray and Sri K. G. Bhadbhade, did extensive and intensive touring in Gujarat-Kathiawar and the United Provinces respectively.

Membership.—The year under report opened with the membership of the Indian Section at 6962. During the year 800 new members were admitted to the Theosophical Society and 117 old members revived their memberships. Thus there was an increase of 917 members during the year. As against this 67 members died during the year, 63 resigned and 531 were dropped because of non-payment of dues for three years, thus leaving a net increase of 256 members. And so the total membership at the close of the year is 7207 which is the highest so far reached in the history of the Indian Section covering a period of 57 years. It was in 1919-1920 that the Indian Section reached the peak figure of 7051. After 27 years we have gone beyond that figure, thus establishing a new record in the numerical strength of the Indian Section. It shows that the Theosophical Society is moving from strength to strength and is able to draw under its influence large numbers of seekers after truth year after year. It is most gratifying to note that among the new comers into the Theosophical Society there is a very large percentage of young people.

Lodges and Centres.—During the year under report 8 new Lodges and 2 new Centres have been formed while 2 Lodges and 3 Centres which were till now dormant have been put on the active list. The total number of Lodges and Centres affiliated to the Indian Section is 427. The new Lodges and Centres have been formed during the year at Samastipur, Panna, Bellalabommasandra, Giddalur, Zanzmer, Arakalgad and Jamkhandi. Two Youth Lodges have been formed at Surat and Coimbatore.

Besant Centenary Celebrations.—One of the main features of this year's activity throughout the Indian Section was the Besant Centenary Celebrations. A number of Lodges arranged a three-months celebrations programme while not a few had celebrations from 20th

September to 1st October. All over India a number of eminent citizens actively associated themselves with the Besant Centenary Celebrations. On 1st October all over the country big meetings were held under the auspices of many public associations when very glowing tributes were paid to the life and work of Dr. Annie Besant. Many newspapers and journals in India published special articles on the life of our President-Mother.

Study-Camps.—I would like to mention here one particular branch of our Theosophical work which is gradually becoming more and more popular and that is the organization of study camps and workers' conferences. For the strengthening of our work we need more and more study camps for they can give a better theoretical grounding to our workers and enable them to deal with practical problems in an efficient manner. During this year many study camps were held and they have been quite successful.

Propaganda and Publicity.—Our Propaganda and Publicity machinery both at the Centre as well as in the Provinces leaves much to be desired. This year we had planned to bring out many publicity pamphlets but due to enormous difficulties in procuring necessary paper these plans had to be kept in abeyance. Even the publication of *INDIAN THEOSOPHIST* had to be most irregular due to the same difficulty.

The Membership Contact Committee.—During the year we have established at the Section Headquarters a Membership Contact Committee. The function of this Committee is to contact old members, new members and future members.

The Indian Section Constitution.—During the last year a draft of the proposed changes in the Indian Section Constitution was circulated among the members of the Indian Section to elicit their opinions.

WORK AT THE INDIAN SECTION HEADQUARTERS

General.—The work at the Indian Section Headquarters has gone on well during the year. Three more workers have joined us at the Headquarters in the course of this year; they are Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Shah who were at Adyar for a number of years and Mr. N. V. Tampi who was the mainstay of our Theosophical work at Bombay.

During this year there was held at the Section Headquarters a Workers' Conference where prominent workers from Bihar and the United Provinces had gathered to discuss ways and means of intensifying Theosophical work in these two provinces. The Besant Centenary was celebrated from 20th September to 1st October.

The Indian Section Headquarters has established numerous cultural contacts with the public of Benares who look upon the Theosophical Society as an important cultural and intellectual movement. During the year, among many others, the important people to visit the Headquarters were Her Excellency the Governor of the United Provinces, the Indonesian and the Siamese delegates to the All-Asian Conference, the delegates to the All-India P.E.N. Conference, the members of the Indo-British Cultural and Goodwill Mission and the delegates to the All-India Philosophical Congress.

Departments.—Our various Departments on the estate—the Bhojanasala, the Garden, the Building, the Watch and Ward, the T.S. Dispensary, the Sanitation—have been functioning well under the direction of various devoted workers. In the Indian Section Office I had the most loyal co-operation from all the members of the staff.

The Bookshop.—The Indian Bookshop has during the year expanded its activities a great deal. It is now housed in bigger quarters and there is a large turnover of business. The

Ananda Publishing House—the publishing section of the Bookshop—published *The Essential Unity of all Religions* (third edition) by Dr. Bhagavan Das, *Dharma Jyoti* (in Hindi) by Sri Jagat Narayan, and *At the Feet of the Master* (Hindi) by Sri Jagat Narayan. As the Theosophical Publishing House at Adyar is and will always be publishing Theosophical books in English, we propose to confine ourselves to Hindi books as far as possible.

The Library.—The Indian Section Library has been further expanded during the year. Larger and larger numbers of people take advantage of the Library as well as the Reading Room. This year the Indian Section Library received for the first time a small maintenance grant from the United Provinces Government.

The Besant Theosophical School.—The Besant Theosophical School is growing into a fine institution. We have at present 340 students studying in the school. It is truly a National institution in as much as we have students from U.P., Bihar, Bengal, Punjab, Sind, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Assam and South India as also from Nepal. From this year the school has been raised to a full High School attached to the U.P. Board of Education. In October Sri N.V. Tampi took over the Headmastership of the School. I wish to remind the members of the Indian Section that the Besant Theosophical School, Benares, is the only educational institution in India run directly by the Theosophical Society. To the Besant Theosophical School is attached a Hostel which has been named Vasanta Vihar in respectful memory of Dr. Besant. It is under the management of Shrimati Shridevi Mehta. Each Theosophical Centre has its own unique features and a special line of work. The Theosophical Centre at Benares has been specializing in educational work the start for which was given by our President-Mother,

Dr. Besant in the beginning of this century. The Theosophical Society in India can render a very remarkable service to the cause of national reconstruction by developing this educational work.

The Legal Department.—During the year litigation had to be carried on in connection with the properties at Bhowali, near Naini Tal, which had been given to the Indian Section by the will of Sri Beni Prasad Bhatnagar and Sri Narayan Swaroop. The Court has decreed that the Indian Section is the owner of the three houses at Bhowali. We have been trying to regularize the ownership of Lodge buildings all over the country. It is desirable to have all Lodge Buildings and immovable properties vested in the Indian Section.

New India Weekly.—In October 1946 we started at the Indian Section Headquarters a fortnightly journal *New India*. Because of the enthusiastic response it received we have made it into a weekly journal from 1st October 1947. Although not strictly a Theosophical journal it serves as a powerful instrument for the dissemination of the great principles of national and international reconstruction given to us in Theosophical literature.

Allied and Associated Activities.—To the Headquarters are attached all the various allied and associated activities of the Theosophical Society such as the Ritual of the Mystic Star, the Order of the Round Table, International Co-Free-masonry and the Bharata Samaj. All these various activities were regularly conducted during the year. The Cultural Association, which was formed at the Headquarters two years ago, is

working very well and has been most helpful to us in forming cultural contacts with not only the people of Benares but with artists all over India.

The Estate Administration.—During and after the war prices of all commodities have gone up very much. While our income has remained the same our expenses in connection with estate management have increased more than three times. In the Indian Section office expenses have gone up enormously while income has remained stationary. The costs of paper and printing have risen very high while we have to supply the INDIAN THEOSOPHIST free to all the members who pay Rs. 4 as annual dues—the same amount which they used to pay before the war. Besides, due to high cost of living it has been necessary for us to increase the salaries of our staff. I do not propose at this stage any increase in annual dues but I want our members to realize that unless we receive donations year after year it will be difficult to maintain the estate of the Theosophical Society at Benares in good order, nay it will be difficult to develop the work of the Indian Section with the very small amount that we receive as annual dues.

In concluding this section of my report I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to all my co-workers at the Section Headquarters for the very sincere co-operation they have given me in all my work. I also wish to thank the staff and the students of the Besant Theosophical School, the Vasanta College and the Besant College, Rajghat, for the very warm-hearted manner in which they have supported us in all our activities at the Section Headquarters.

FEDERATION	Members on 1-10-'46	Add		Total	Deduct			Members on 1-10-'47	Men	Women	Mem. paid upto				Life	Free
		New	Revived		Died	Resigned	Dropped				1945	1946	1947	1948		
Andhra Central	433	47	10	490	1	1	43	445	375	70	43	166	192	22	10	12
Andhra Circars	906	105	17	1028	10	2	64	952	768	184	113	241	559	31	2	6
Bengal	300	35	2	337	—	1	24	312	272	40	17	81	167	33	4	10
Bihar	385	34	8	427	3	—	45	379	359	20	65	160	139	6	1	8
Bombay	334	27	3	364	9	—	7 T 1	347	197	150	3	26	178	61	76	3
Centr. India and Rajputana	216	7	2	225	1	—	12	212	171	41	24	47	100	23	12	6
Gujerath and Kathiawar	658	67	5	730	7	12	15	696	512	184	40	139	465	18	31	3
Karnataka	699	61	1	761	2	—	33	726	537	189	41	116	544	15	7	3
Kerala	103	39	5	147	2	1	3	141	115	26	5	17	88	27	2	2
Marathi	248	25	1	274	8	1	9 T 2	254	211	43	8	41	155	34	14	2
North-West	147	13	1	161	2	1	6	152	137	15	20	45	66	6	13	2
Sind, Muktan, Baluchist	346	83	18	447	7	14	22	404	322	82	8	43	304	15	25	9
Tamil	694	34	18	746	1	—	80 T 4	661	568	93	64	218	332	17	25	5
United Provinces	562	37	9	608	11	2	57	538	436	102	36	130	294	46	25	7
Youth	684	165	2	851	—	1 *25	64	761	604	157	144	233	355	26	3	—
Unattached	222 *25	21	15	283	3	2	46 T 4	228	184	44	8	8	130	19	63	—
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Note: In the first column inter-Federation and Lodge transfers have been incorporated which took place in the year under report.

T: Transfers to other Sections.

* Young Theosophists over 30, transferred to unattached list.

Active Members ... 7208.

Active Lodges ... 403.

THE WORK BEFORE US

The work before us during the coming years is very stupendous indeed. We are all in the midst of a great social and spiritual revolution which has the whole world for its field

of operations. It should be our endeavour to direct the attention of the people of this country to the special Dharma which they have to perform now that they have attained their political objective.

In order to fulfil this purpose we must lay a special stress on the following lines of work :

I. To shed the light of Theosophy upon the darkness that surrounds us we must have :

(a) *Field Work*.—More lecturers touring different parts of the country explaining to people the Theosophical scheme of life and inspiring them to a better and nobler living. These lecturers over and above knowing the fundamental principles of Theosophy must also have a working knowledge of modern trends in different departments of life. This is necessary because we shall thus be able to use mental and emotional moulds of the people for the purposes of Theosophical work. I believe refresher courses on a provincial and inter-provincial basis should be arranged for our Theosophical lecturers.

(b) *Study and Research*.—For really effective work to be done among the intellectuals there is a great need to put our Theosophical studies on a scientific and systematic basis. We are living in a world which is moving at a terrific speed. We cannot keep pace with this powerful movement and understand the full significance of events that are appearing in quick succession unless and until our minds are sufficiently trained to respond to the various impacts that impinge upon our consciousness and then to discriminate between the true and the false. For this we need more study classes and camps conducted on the basis of some well-thought-out plan. I would request each Federation to have a small Committee for organization of studies and for giving necessary guidance to Lodges in their study classes. We have to carve out a new line of studies suited to the conditions in which we are living. From the Section Headquarters correspondence courses can be sent out which would

be of help to our Lodges and Federations.

For this work of giving intellectual and philosophical direction to the people of India, it is essential that within the Indian Section there should be established a Theosophical Research Centre. Members of this group need not all live in one place. They may meet once a year during Conventions but their work should be carried on along certain lines commonly agreed upon. The work of the Research Centre will be to build bridges from modern trends in different departments of life to Theosophy. This Research Centre also can take up as its special branch of studies Indian culture and social polity. While the headquarters of such a Centre may remain at Benares its members will naturally be spread all over the country. I would suggest the appointment of a small Committee for this purpose at this Convention. This Committee will also be able to advise us with regard to the organization of studies in Lodges and Federations.

(c) *Propaganda and Publicity*.—We need to establish a very efficient machinery for propaganda and publicity both at the Federation as well as the Section level. This should consist of (i) necessary literature suited to all types of people giving very briefly the Theosophical viewpoint with regard to life's problems. Such literature should be in English, Hindi and in provincial languages. While provincial languages must flourish and Theosophical books and pamphlets should be published in different languages, we can eliminate to a large extent waste of money and energy by having Theosophical classics in the Hindi language.

(ii) Apart from publications we must seriously consider the question of spreading Theosophical ideals through journals and magazines which are being read by large numbers of intellectuals and idealists in India.

II. Our second task is to strengthen our Lodges so that they may become strong and dependable instruments for the work of the Theosophical Society in the larger spheres of national and international reconstruction.

For this purpose we need to have:

(a) *Greater Contacts with Our Members.*—It was to this end that the Membership Contact Committee was established at the Section Headquarters during the year. In all our big Lodges it is desirable to have such a Committee formed, the function of which will be to keep continuous contacts with members, particularly the new ones.

(b) *Literature for Members.*—There is an urgent need for suitable literature for members who have just come into the Theosophical Society. This literature can be in the shape of an elementary correspondence course. Or it can be in the form of small pamphlets.

(c) *Democracy in Lodge Work.*—Most of our Lodges work without a constitution with the result that things are managed because of the presence of one or two persons in each Lodge. Up to a certain point this may be alright, particularly when the Lodge is in its infancy. But this tendency once allowed to grow produces a spirit of dictatorship in Lodge administration. The time has come when our Lodges must follow principles of democracy and for this it is necessary for each Lodge to have a constitution—not complicated, but just a simple one—so that all the members may know how their Lodge is governed and may also realize that they too have a say in the administration of their Lodge. In order to guide our Lodges in constitution-making we are drafting at the Section Headquarters an outline of Lodge constitution. In India we Theosophists have to develop the quality of group-work. We are able to work in our individual capacities, but when it comes to group-work we mostly fail. The Theosophical Society with its

ideal of Universal Brotherhood must set an example of true democracy to the world. A spiritual organization while it owes its allegiance to great ideals must also see that the application of those ideals is done in as efficient a manner as possible. Efficiency is one of the characteristics of true spirituality. In India we need to learn that lesson. Let us move in that direction during the coming year so that the Section, the Federations and the Lodges all become very efficient instruments for the work of the Theosophical Society in India.

III. To translate our ideals into action so that the principle of Brotherhood becomes a practical reality in our individual as well as social life. How is this to be done?

(a) *Contacts with Humanitarian Movements.*—Our members must come into closer contact with movements that stand for human welfare in all spheres of life. Let our Lodges establish close contacts with social, cultural and educational movements in their localities as that is the first step towards practical Brotherhood.

(b) *Specific Fields of Work.*—There are certain specific departments of life in which we Theosophists in India can make substantial contributions because of the great traditions bequeathed to us by Dr. Besant. These departments are: educational, social and cultural.

In the field of education we have a very rich contribution to make. Now with India's political struggle over, education must become one of the most important fields of national work. We should have a permanent body called the Theosophical Education Fellowship—or any other more suitable name—to direct peoples' minds towards right education. Such a body must be for research and propaganda and should have nothing to do with the management of educational institutions. Much work has also to be done in the social field where, too, our philosophy

gives us an inspiring lead. In the field of India's cultural awakening very little has so far been done. In this task, too, we Theosophists must become active, knowing as we do what a wonderful spiritual heritage India possesses.

(c) *The Theosophical Order of Service.*—I suggest that in order to properly organize humanitarian activities we re-start our Theosophical Order of Service in India.

Conclusion.—This is the work before us, threefold in nature: (1) Popularizing the message of Theosophy among the people, (2) Strengthening our

Lodges with a view to making them more efficient instruments for the work of the Theosophical Society, and (3) Translating our truths into acts of Service particularly in the fields of education, culture and the social life of the people.

There is a great future for the Theosophical Society in India. Let us work for that future so that through the Theosophical Society India may be enabled to play her great role as the Spiritual Leader of the Nations of the world.

ROHIT MEHTA,

General Secretary.

AUSTRALIA

There were three great events of the year: the visit of Mr. N. Sri Ram from Adyar, the Melbourne Convention, and the Besant Centenary.

Mr. Sri Ram arriving by plane via Singapore and Rangoon, spent December in Sydney, the first half of January and almost all February in Australia, visiting all the capital city Lodges on the mainland. What he gave us was a vision of real India, a glimpse of the Indian mind at its best and penetrating studies of Theosophy in both its mystical and practical aspects. All this was plain in his public addresses and radio talks and newspaper interviews, and in the more intimate talks to students, all his talks resounding the central note of the unity of all life.

Next came the Australian Convention in Melbourne, April 4-7, and a complete change in the administration. Mr. R. G. Litchfield, after ten years efficient work as General Secretary, vacated office before Convention to take a civilian post, and Mr. J. L. Davidge came into the Section Office by invitation of the Executive and carried on till Convention, when he was elected to the post.

At the same time Bishop L. W. Burt retired after ten years' service as Chairman of the Council, and Convention recorded high appreciation of both his work and that of Mr. Litchfield.

Mr. Davidge had returned from Adyar after twelve years' editorial work; he presented Convention with a five-year plan for increasing the membership, stressing the need for strengthening the Section to make a stronger impact on the national life and speed the new race. "Every Lodge a flaming centre and the whole Section a flaming network" was his symbolic slogan.

Convention pooled all the Adyar funds into one fund and asked for voluntary donations rather than increase the Section dues as per notice of motion. By September 30 the fund had reached £359/16/4 since the 1st January. Ten per cent of the total collection is allocated to the Besant Centenary Fund in support of Rukmini Devi's educational work. Convention also started a Propaganda Fund which has helped to finance 5,000 copies of Bishop Leadbeater's *Outline of Theosophy* and these are being

distributed through the Lodges; it is an amazingly fine introduction to our philosophy and to our Society.

At this Convention, also, the first prize essay in the Arundale Memorial Lecture Competition inaugurated the year before was read by Mrs. Edriss Noall, a distinctly original contribution entitled "The Hidden Light." There is a warm cultural tone in the Melbourne Lodge and an efficient group of workers, and all this made for a smooth-running and harmonious Convention.

The great propaganda instrument in Sydney is the 2GB radio station which gives us under contract four sessions a week—three morning sessions at 11.30 and a Sunday night session at 9.30; these are a priceless asset, maintaining a continuous output of talks on Theosophy applied to an endless diversity of subjects. These sessions have another nine years to run under a twenty-year term. Through broadcasting we reach a listening public of up to 250,000 people. I think Sydney is perhaps the best Theosophized place in the world as the result of this incessant radio output over the last twenty-one years. The General Secretary is attempting through the Lodges to place representative collections of Theosophical books in the public libraries; a long-range plan for the presentation of so many books a year is being circulated to the Lodges. Pertinent to this proposal is the presentation by Capt. Russell Lloyd Jones, a born Australian now resident in the U.S.A., of 450 copies of the Indian edition of *The Unity of All Religions* (Dr. Bhagavan Das) for distribution among prominent people who can best circulate the ideas propounded in the book; also 45 copies of a fine American edition for public libraries.

The total membership, standing at 982, is less by forty than a year ago, due to pruning which should make for more vigorous growth.

The big Lodges are sustaining the Great Work with vigour and com-

petence. Sydney's weekly audience in the Savoy Theatre (formerly Adyar Hall) suffers somewhat from radio competition: people tend to stay at home and tune in. Melbourne which has no radio programme has excellent attendances every Sunday evening; it marked the Besant Centenary by launching a publicity campaign, printing a good lecture programme and advertising a two-inch panel in the morning and evening papers in rotation—a costly business, but it brings good results. Perth, Adelaide and Brisbane carry on their self-sustained work and Adelaide will gain an increase of strength as host to the 1948 Convention.

In Tasmania there is a lull, awaiting a visiting lecturer; for the moment we are hoping to save Hobart and Launceston from going out altogether.

The Section journal, *THEOSOPHY IN AUSTRALIA*, is trying to heighten the Section consciousness. It is now published every two months instead of every three, 16 pages instead of 24, with more propaganda and reports of activities. It needs a virile paper and constant intercommunication to keep the channels open between Lodges 500 miles apart; this coming year, 1948, we are expecting at least one guest lecturer who will stimulate the Section.

There is much activity among Young Theosophists, who are busy in Lodge work and in dispatching food parcels to F.T.S. in Britain and Germany. The Round Table is also expanding.

In all Lodges there is a fine spirit of comradeship, and I believe it is coming true, as Bishop Burt expressed it in the Melbourne Convention, that "we are on the verge of a great expansion in our work." There is always room for it, particularly in such a country and in such a time as this when a new civilization is being born and the new type is already emerging in our midst.

Last and greatest event of all, the centenary of Dr. Besant. This was universally observed with a centenary issue of *Theosophy in Australia* and special celebrations in the Lodges. Blavatsky Lodge, Sydney, dramatized her life in a story entitled "Voice of Flame," the scripts, including that of Dr. Besant from "Autobiography" being read in a side room and amplified into the Adyar Hall through loud speakers, while simultaneously a portrait of the character represented—Bradlaugh, Stead, H.P.B., C.W.L., was thrown on a screen, so that the audience saw the portraits

and heard the voices. It was a most effective performance. As a prelude to this drama, the President's recording on Dr. Besant, flown from London, was amplified into the Hall through the same channel. The President's records were also broadcast twice over 2GB Sydney and there were other radio talks on Dr. Besant. News items circulated from the Section Office to the press and to the radio stations were seen in the newspapers and heard on the air.

J. L. DAVIDGE,

General Secretary.

SWEDEN

After Rukmini Devi's much appreciated visit to Sweden, together with Mr. Sankara Menon and prominent members from the different Scandinavian countries, the work went on as usual with public and private meetings. Later in the autumn the General Secretary visited Lodges in the country and lectured at public and private meetings.

In February we had the pleasure of receiving a visit from Mr. Sidney Ransom who gave two public lectures and one for members apart from several informal talks.

In March Bishop Otto Viking visited the Section and gave several public and private lectures. On this occasion a "Theosophical Week-end" was arranged, lead by Bishop Viking. The subject to be treated was "To become a pupil". During three consecutive days the partakers passed the whole days together in meditations, talks and discussions following a very carefully laid out programme. Meals were taken together in silence. These days became a wonderful experience for those who took part, mainly because of the very valuable presence of Bishop

Viking, and it has been decided to repeat this kind of activity.

The President visited Sweden in June in connection with our annual Convention. Seldom have we seen such a numerous gathering of members at any of our annual conventions, nor witnessed such an inspiring feeling of real friendship, brotherhood and joyous enthusiasm. The President gave several lectures and talks to the members and one public lecture when about two hundred people had to be turned away as the lecture hall already was crowded.

During the Convention it was decided that the Section, in memory of Dr. Besant who took a deep interest in the welfare of children, would celebrate the centenary of her birth by bringing to Sweden for the winter as many German children whose parents are members of the Society as possible. As a result we have now 22 children here and more are expected.

The Besant Centenary was celebrated by two meetings of which the first was arranged for the German and our own children with a programme adapted to suit a rather youthful audience.

Furthermore on the first of October several hundred persons attended a big soirée to which Co-Masonic Lodges and members of the Liberal Catholic Church were invited. Various speakers—one of them Bishop Viking—talked about Dr. Besant from different points of view. Selected sentences from her works were read, accompanied by soft music.

A new form of meetings—public discussions—that was tried out during the conference at Lutzelau last summer—has been tried and met with much success.

During this year members have been invited to give lectures on Theosophy in different non-Theosophical organizations where they have been met with much sympathy and understanding.

Last year the rent of our premises was doubled and this puts rather heavy demands on individual members and their willingness to help financially.

During the year 23 members have joined the Society and 16 have left by death or resignation. After having made inquiries in every case we have removed from the rolls members who have lost every contact with the Society and who have not paid their fees for several years. Still we try to remain in touch with them to a certain extent. Because of this action the number of members is now 369.

EVA OSTELIUS,
General Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND

An important event for our Section this year was the Golden Jubilee Convention, marking the 50th Anniversary. This was held in Auckland with members present from all parts of the Dominion. Mr. Jinarājadāsa, International President, did us a signal honour in sending Mr. N. Sri Ram as his representative from Adyar, to preside at the Convention. This was a great joy to our members, for New Zealand is somewhat isolated and such distinguished visitors are rare. Mr. Sri Ram gave to the Convention a note of pure spirituality. He brought with him the wonderful atmosphere of Adyar and conveyed to us the true culture and peace of India. In an inspiring address at the opening of Convention, he struck the oft repeated note of Brotherhood and made a strong call to members so to work that our nation might be pervaded by its unifying spirit.

A splendid Jubilee gift to the Section was the offer by Miss G. M. Hemus of

her home in Belvedere Street for a National Headquarters. The property is adjacent to Vasanta Garden School and is finely situated and suitable for offices and living quarters. This fine offer was gratefully accepted by Convention and the transfer, it is hoped, will soon be completed.

In commemoration of the Golden Jubilee, the Section published a special Souvenir Convention Programme; a gift pamphlet by Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, "The Path to the Masters of the Wisdom"; a special historical issue of THEOSOPHY IN NEW ZEALAND, finely illustrated; and a Golden Jubilee Calendar.

Before completing his work in New Zealand, Mr. Sri Ram visited the larger Lodges in the South and gave inspiration to many members who had been unable to attend Convention. Public lectures were given in all cities visited.

Membership.—74 Members have joined the Section this year, giving an increase of 17 and bringing the total

membership to 930. It is encouraging to note the large proportion of young men and women among the new members. The following analysis gives the position for the year:

Incoming

By New admission	...	65
„ Re-admission	...	6
„ Transfer from other Sections...	...	3

Total number of incoming members or Gain	...	74
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Outgoing

By Resignation	...	15
„ Death	...	21
„ Removal from the rolls	...	17
„ Transfer to other Sections	...	4

Total number of outgoing members or Loss	...	57
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Increase for the year	...	17
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Adyar Funds.—The Besant Adyar World (Commemorative) Fund and the Adyar Fund have been well supported by our members—the total amount contributed to the two funds for the year being £623-15-0. Part of this has already been transmitted to Adyar.

Annie Besant Centenary.—Preparations for the celebration of the Annie Besant Centenary are well in hand. The Section has printed and sent out to all its members a Besant Centenary Booklet containing material sent from Adyar for the purpose. The October-December number of THEOSOPHY IN NEW ZEALAND was a special Besant issue.

Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, as National Lecturer, has visited many of the Lodges during the year; his public work is of outstanding value and there is evidence of widespread interest in Theosophical teaching. An important

part of Mr. Hodson's work is in connection with the New Zealand Vegetarian Society of which he was the founder and of which he is now National President. He is deeply interested in all aspects of humane work.

Mr. H. H. Banks has toured through the Lodges and continued everywhere his fine contacts with children through his work for the *Golden Chain*.

Other Section Activities.—*Vasanta Garden School* continues to flourish under the able leadership of Miss B.H. Darroch; it grows in strength from year to year and is one of the most valuable parts of the Section's activities. *The Theosophical Women's Association* was instrumental, through its affiliation with the National Council of Women, in arranging a great Women's Rally in Christchurch in one of the large theatres. There were representative women speakers from all the larger cities and the gathering was well featured in the Press. *The Young Theosophists* and *The Order of the Round Table* have been most active this year in the larger Lodges; their magazine, *The Torch*, has now attained to the status of a printed magazine. We are encouraged by the work of our young men and women and see in them future lecturers, class leaders and Lodge and Section officials. *The Theosophical Order of Service* has concentrated on work for Animal Welfare under Miss Sandra Chase who has inspired her helpers to plan a very fine week of activity round *World Day for Animals*. *The Brotherhood of the Mystic Star*, though not officially connected with the Society, is yet worthy of mention, for it has through its ceremonial ritual given spiritual help and brought out the truth of the unity of the religions.

Essential Unity of All Religions.—The gift by Captain Russell Lloyd Jones of 150 copies of Bhagavan Das' book, *The Essential Unity of All Religions*, to be sent to leaders of public

thought in our country, has brought us many interesting letters from those to whom it has been mailed. A very excellent three page review appeared in *The Woman's Weekly*.

Conclusion.—On my visits to the Lodges during the year, I found members actively and devotedly working for the cause of Theosophy. There is an increase of interest everywhere with good promise for expansion in the future.

We have this year entered upon our second half century of work, fired by the splendid inspiration of our Convention. To discover the true source of our Society's strength we must lift up

our eyes to those eternal ranges where dwell the Great Rishis, the Guardians of the Race. They guide world events with the insight and power of a mighty spiritual company. They are the immortal soul of the world and from Them will come our inspiration. They guard ever the "pattern in the mount" for every new day and send down streams of living water to nourish and replenish the earth. May something of Their great vision be ours that we may enter into our new era, filled with Their joy and bathed in Light.

E. HUNT,
General Secretary.

NETHERLANDS

The year 1947 was a year of steady growth. The membership increased to 1,742 on December 31st, 1947. At this date the Section numbered 36 active Lodges and 7 Centres.

1947 was very eventful in other respects. We had the privilege of seeing our beloved and honoured President, Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa, in our midst. He was able to preside at our Convention, June 21st and 22nd, at Amsterdam, and gave public lectures in 4 big cities: Amsterdam, den Haag, Utrecht and Rotterdam, attracting a large audience on each occasion. His personality, with its two aspects of strength and wisdom made a great impression on all those who did not know him before.

A second visitor from Adyar Headquarters, Mr. Sri Ram, visited us in the last days of August and the beginning of September. He endeared himself very much to those Dutch people who had the good fortune to meet him, by his compassion and his charming personality. He gave a public lecture at Utrecht and den Haag, and several

talks to members in the Huizen Centre.

The Annie Besant Centenary was celebrated throughout the country by public lectures and articles in daily and weekly papers. The Section issued a booklet with reminiscences written by Dutch members: *Nederlanders Berdenken Annie Besant*, which publication attracted attention in large circles.

The appeal in respect of Adyar's financial difficulties met with a ready response from our members. It is generally considered to be absolutely necessary to have the International Headquarters placed on a sound financial foundation.

The Section paper is published every month. So far, owing to shortage of paper, it has been necessary to limit the circulation to members of the Theosophical Society, but in the beginning of 1948 we hope to restart the publication of our magazine THEOSOFIA, which will be circulated amongst the public. At the moment of the German invasion in May 1940, this magazine was in its

48th year. After a break of nearly 8 years it will enter on its 49th year.

1947 was also noteworthy as the year of the golden jubilee of the Netherlands Section, which began its work

in May 1897. On the 15th of May a celebration took place at Amsterdam.

J. N. VAN DER LEY,

General Secretary.

FRANCE

The life of the Theosophical Society in France during the year has followed a normal course as the statistics appended to this report will bear out. Great activity has been displayed both at Headquarters and in certain provincial centres, and some new centres have been formed.

The General Secretary was the victim of a serious accident in the month of April and from that date was not able to participate in the work of the Section except from a distance, but thanks to the devotion of the other members of the Council of Directors and the Secretariat, the work of the Society has not had to suffer because of his absence.

In October 1946, we were able to resume the issue of the French Theosophical Review *LE LOTUS BLEU* founded by H. P. Blavatsky and which had, in fact, disappeared in consequence of the war; it constitutes a powerful means to bring to the notice of the public Theosophical and related ideas, and publishes a certain number of lectures delivered under our auspices. Subjects of a more intimate nature—moral or spiritual—find their place preferably in the *BULLETIN THEOSOPHIQUE*.

The Paris Headquarters of the Society has been honoured by eminent guests from abroad. In chronological order these were, Rukmini Devi in October, Professor van der Stok in December and the President, Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa in June. Professor van der Stok spoke only to small, particular groups, but the visits of Rukmini Devi and the

President were the occasion for small national Conventions, during which a goodly number of provincial members made the journey to Paris.

On the occasion of our National Convention, the well-known lecturer Madame Alexandra David-Neel spoke to a crowded hall. The same Convention made possible the performance of "The Conquest of Treasures" by young actors of the Society, who had a lively success. A well-known musician wrote a special musical score to serve as music for the play.

Apart from the meetings of Lodges, which are held at Headquarters, in Square Rapp, some of which are following a really systematic course of Theosophy, several courses have functioned regularly during the year. Three of them were devoted purely to Theosophy, with degrees of increasing complexity; one to the history of music with auditions, and another course by M. Kerneiz, the well known specialist, on the fundamentals of Universal Astrology. Twice monthly we have held our usual public meetings, very diverse in nature, but all interesting. They were worthy of better audiences, but our efforts to draw the public have not up to the present been crowned with much success. It is true that insufficient heating of the hall in winter, normally the most favourable season, has often made some of the audience hesitate about attending meetings.

This year, we have continued our friendly monthly meetings which we had missed at the resumption of our activities. Every fourth Saturday

afternoon there is a reception meeting for new members, to whom diplomas are presented and an address given. Then follows a more informal meeting. Some talks, spiritual or artistic, with exchange of opinions, or questions and answers, then follow with more intimate conversations during afternoon tea.

For Xmas time, the Round Table has organized a meeting for the children of members, with Xmas tree and amusements.

Several young people who took part in the "Summer School" at Geneva made useful contacts there, and they

have concentrated their inspiration in organizing the Young Theosophists of France.

As we have mentioned earlier, certain provincial groups have given proof of much activity, in particular at the Cote d'Azur and at Orleans. We do not doubt that in many other places our members have done all that was possible without, perhaps, the conditions being equally favourable to produce visible results. But the fruit of action is not our affair; and we leave it to Karma.

PAUL THORIN,
General Secretary.

ITALY

All the Lodges and Centres have had considerable activity of study and propaganda during the past year, with private and public meetings and diffusion of Theosophical literature. For the last two years the Section has published its own magazine, *IL BOLLETINO*, 1000 copies of which are distributed to all members and also to foreign Sections, who in return exchange theirs with us. Some of the articles in the *BOLLETINO* have been translated and published in foreign magazines.

There are now 33 active Lodges in the Section and 700 Members, an increase of 55 for the year.

The Italian Section this year held its Annual Convention in Rome in July, and was privileged in being assisted by the President of the Theosophical Society, Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa, who delivered a public lecture which was received with much applause.

The Convention considered important problems of organization, culture,

and propaganda and resolved to promote the publication of a journal to treat social, political and educational problems in the light of Theosophy.

The Convention confirmed Dr. G. Gasco, as General Secretary of the Italian Section.

The Italian Section is most grateful to the President of the Theosophical Society, Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa, for his participation in our Annual Convention and for his lectures held also in Florence, Genoa and Venice, all of which were enthusiastically received. His spiritual contribution to the Italian Theosophical Society and to Italy at large will in time bring copious fruition, and I assume the obligation in the name of all members of the Italian Section to serve faithfully the great ideals of Brotherhood and Universality proclaimed by him.

G. GASCO,
General Secretary.

GERMANY

This is the first report after the war covering a whole year's work in the German National Society. Apparently little has been achieved during the last twelve months, but when one looks back one is astonished that as much as this has been done under the postwar conditions which have not yet improved as much as one had expected a year ago. The long and hard winter has been a hard test for everybody. I must confess that I am admiring the steadfastness, enthusiasm and devotion of our members, especially of those who have been working at our Headquarters at Hamburg and in the Lodges. We are trying not only to rebuild our Theosophical house but to fill it with an atmosphere of joy, confidence, helpfulness and strong will. Without this positive spirit our members would not have been able to overcome the many obstacles in the form of hunger, lack of fuel, light, suitable rooms for meetings, paper and books in the German language. During the winter some Lodges had to stop their meetings for many weeks because there were neither trams nor buses, owing to a lack of benzine and electric current in the evening, neither electric light nor fuel. One member had to stop her work as Secretary of a Lodge

for weeks, her fingers were covered with chilblains. Some had to take part of their furniture as fuel. Others were greatly hampered by exhaustion from malnutrition. Everyday life exigencies are still taking most of the time and energy so that there remains often only a small amount of both for regular Theosophical work.

I am mentioning all this only to explain why we in Germany have not been able to achieve more. Many of our members are bombed out and have lost everything, others are either fugitives or emigrants from Eastern Europe and Eastern Germany. It is remarkable that amongst our poorest members are those who are most punctual in paying their fees. On the other hand many of those who are better off have been very generous in sending special gifts for the Sectional work. For the Besant Adyar World Fund 235 RM have been given which will be kept by our Treasurer till there is a possibility to have the money sent to Adyar. I know that it is a very modest sum compared with those given by other Sections but it comes from an abundance of love and devotion to Adyar and our President-Mother.

Our statistics are :

Membership on 1st October 1946	...	...	172
Increase from 1st October 1946 till 30th September 1947	...	...	132
Died	...	...	—
Dropped	...	...	—
Transferred to other Sections	...	...	—
Total loss	...	...	Nil
Membership on 1st October 1947	...	...	304

At Headquarters at Hamburg we have now a new file for membership. Application forms for membership, diplomas for members and charters for Lodges have been printed and distributed. Mr. and Mrs. Boyken have been

working very hard and Mr. Sinzinger, our Treasurer, has greatly helped in this work in providing the paper necessary for the forms.

The Lodges have reported meetings for members only and for members

and guests where lectures have been given and books have been read and discussed. Theosophy and the present world problems have often been the topic for lectures as well as discussions. The lack of Theosophical literature in our language is greatly hampering our propaganda work. Mr. Ernst Pieper at Düsseldorf has not yet got the licence for his Ring-Verlag. We would be much further on our way if Mr. Pieper could again publish Theosophical books. Owing to the shortage of paper I am very much restricted in my Circular Letters to the members. Mr. Pieper is publishing a type-written Circular Letter for his Lodge (*Mitteilungsblatt der Blavatskyloge, Düsseldorf*) which he is sending to unattached members and most of the General Secretaries too. I do hope that next year we shall have the opportunity to publish some English pamphlets in translation. At present it is nearly impossible to find a publisher who has enough paper and is ready to work for us without being himself a member, though such pamphlets would certainly be sold quickly, as the interest in Theosophy is widespread and I am again and again approached for literature.

The most wonderful and encouraging experience for all of us has been the generous help given by Adyar, the European Federation, the Sections of Great Britain, Canada, the U.S.A., Australia, New Zealand, Sweden, and Switzerland, as well as from many single members in the form of food, clothes, books, magazines, writing paper and envelopes. I really do not know how we could have managed without this help and understanding, given so freely and abundantly and received with the deepest gratefulness. A specially generous gift has been the invitation to children of German members for a six months' stay in Sweden. Our Swedish fellow-members have sent these invitations in remembrance of Dr. Besant's hundredth birthday. What a

noble idea and grand plan! May the thankfulness and joy of the children and their parents be a blessing for our Swedish friends.

With the help of the European Federation our Sectional Library has been re-opened. Mrs. Else Boyken (24a Hamburg 39, Rotbuchenstieg 40) is in charge of it. Our special thanks are due to Mrs. E. A. Gardner and Colonel J. H. van Dissel who have been indefatigable in their help.

Another great help from the Theosophical Society in Europe has been the generous invitation of 5 members to attend the Round Table Conference at Lützelau-Weggis and the Workers' Week at Geneva. Unfortunately only two of them have got their passports in time, whereas Mr. Boyken, Mr. Wolfgang Pieper and I have waited in vain and had to renounce the great privilege and joy to meet so many dear friends on this occasion and to discuss our work, our problems, difficulties and plans. May we be luckier for the next congress of the Theosophical Society in Europe.

The visit of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kruisheer to Hamburg, Hannover and Düsseldorf as messengers of the Theosophical Society in Europe and first visitors from abroad after the war has been a great joy and inspiration for our Lodges there. We are so grateful that they have undertaken this journey notwithstanding all the hardships in connection with travelling in Germany nowadays.

All the German members are extremely sorry that the President could not come to Germany during his stay in Europe, as we would have been so glad to have him in our midst, but we understand perfectly well that it has not been possible under the present abnormal circumstances.

Mr. Hermann Renner (24a. Hamburg 1, Langereihe 115) has been appointed as German Secretary of the

International Correspondence League. Mr. Günther Grade, (22a. Haan/Rheinland, Schiller-strasse 21) has been appointed as German representative of the Besant Centenary Memorial and as "Liaison Officer" for the Young Theosophists. Our Treasurer, Mr. Gustav Sinzinger (24a. Hamburg-Bramfeld, Hornungweg 6) has been appointed as Financial Agent in Germany of the Theosophical Society in Europe.

In Bavaria our National Society has been licenced on November 12th 1946, in Hessen on 20th December 1946, in Württemberg-Baden on 28th January 1947, so that we can work freely in the British and American Zones since the latter date. In the other zones we have unattached members with whom we are in contact.

My correspondence with my colleagues all over the world is a source of permanent joy and strength and I am again and again overwhelmed by the spirit of real understanding, sympathy and encouragement which the many letters received from Adyar and the different Sections are emanating. In one's work for the Theosophical Society one realizes that one does belong to a great family and band of workers closely linked by very old and strong links of mutual friendship in the service of humanity and the Masters. May Their blessing help Germany to recover and to unfold its noblest spirit for the sake of the whole world!

AXEL VON FIELITZ-CONIAR,

General Secretary.

CUBA

In general, this year, there has been much greater contact among the members and the Lodges. The General Secretary has visited all but two of the Lodges; Federation Conventions are being attended by members of other Federations and the Lodges are being visited more frequently by members from other towns. The Section's Annual Convention, held in January 1947, at a city in the central part of the island, was a great success and there were present members from many more Lodges than when they were held at one end of the country.

The Section's magazine, REVISTA TEOSOFICA CUBANA, has been published regularly every month with 24 pages at one dollar per subscription; in November we start publishing it with 32 pages, raising the price from January to one dollar and fifty cents. Most of the articles are translations from *The Theosophist* and other Theosophical journals; there are also occasional ones from popular magazines

bearing out the Theosophical viewpoint, and poems from good Spanish or Latin American poets. This year we gave in digest form Dr. Arundale's *You* in several successive issues, and are starting now on Mr. Charles Hampton's *Transition*. The Eastern Federation of Lodges has also continued printing monthly its journal, TEOSOFIA.

The Section has had mimeographed and distributed to the Lodges the booklet on Adyar by Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa and *The Diamond Soul* (Besant) also by him. To celebrate the Besant Centenary it organized the study of Annie Besant as a human being (biography), as a political and social worker and educator, as occultist and writer, and as Theosophical leader, during the four weeks of September in every Lodge; then the celebration culminated with a Convention which each of our three Federations held on the same day, Sunday October 5. (Rather, two of them held it; one had to postpone it

on account of the weather.) Of these a striking feature was a dramatized biography of Mrs. Besant presented by the Bayamo Lodge at the Convention of the Eastern Federation. In these celebrations we also remembered Bishop Leadbeater. The Section, with funds from its Treasury, printed the Besant Centenary booklet and sent to the Lodges a copy for every member. We printed enough for the Mexican, Porto Rican and Central American Sections, too, by arrangement with them.

The Young Theosophists had their annual Convention, which was well attended and they published a lovely booklet, *The World Mother*, containing articles on her by Dr. and Rukmini Arundale.

There are being formed two more Round Table groups, and the children are taking greater part in the activities of some Lodges, chiefly in the Eastern Federation. This Federation is building now a school on its grounds at Ciudadamar, a height beside the sea.

During this year the Western Federation of Lodges has been revived, and the Havana Lodges are holding a joint monthly meeting. The number of active Lodges is 28; and the number of Members 564.

We close the year happily, looking forward to Miss Codd's visit next February, which we have arranged with the American Section.

MARIA G. DUANY,
General Secretary.

HUNGARY

From many points of view this last year means a great step forward in our work, as compared with the report of last year.

The more general interest in our teachings as indicated in my last report, is showing itself in greatly increased enquiries from very different people. The reason why not more of these inquirers are joining the Society, lies—in my opinion—in the fact that although they are interested in the facts Theosophy reveals to them, they somehow feel subconsciously the greater responsibility that membership would confer on them. To all these people, Theosophy means an intellectual problem only, which may mean the first step towards accepting the responsibility of membership, to be taken in a later life perhaps. Nevertheless, it does mean something already. So many people accept the idea of Universal Brotherhood, but if it comes to the living of it, their restrictions appear, which means to me that

they have grasped it with their rudimentary intuition, only their intellect cannot understand it yet, neither can their emotions put it yet into practice. But much is already gained in that the slogan is accepted, so we hope for the best, incorrigible optimists that we are.

Turning to more concrete facts: we have 37 new members on our rolls, of which 31 are new joinings, 5 readmissions and one transfer from the Austrian Section—against which there is a loss of 18, of which 2 are resignations, 3 deaths, and 13 removals from the rolls on account of non-payment of dues and non-answering of letters. So we have a net increase of 19, and that makes a membership of 191, against 172 of last year. The number of active Lodges is 7.

Of these new members not less than 11 are young ones, who at once joined the group of the Young Theosophists and are now working with them. The Youth Lodge has become quite an

important factor in the life of our Society, its members being active in service for the Society and elsewhere; very enthusiastic and lively, they are studying, helping, organizing in, and outside, the Society, a gay little band, in perfect harmony among themselves and spreading joy around them individually and collectively. They were responsible for several general meetings of the Section during the past year, and all of these meetings were a great success owing to their originality and freshness of spirit, and also to their excellent execution. One of our members very generously put at our disposal for social and artistic meetings, her spacious flat with a piano, and the meetings organized by the Youth Lodge took place there, including music, piano, and singing, declamations, short talks, reciting of own poetry, etc. Two members of the Youth Lodge are now members of our Executive Committee, and another, the President of the Youth Lodge, a member ex-officio of our National Council.

Convention took place on December 28th, 1946, with an attendance of 80, in good spirit and happy harmony.

General meetings at Headquarters were continued as before, on Thursdays, with a greatly increased average attendance. This year's average was 56 against last year's 29! Of course, means of communication are very much improved since last year too. The second half of the work-year was wholly dedicated to the Besant Centenary. The first meeting every month treated one of her many-sided activities; February brought a lecture on her Search for Truth, March on her Artistic and Scientific activities, April on her Social Work, May on her work as Occultist. The other meetings were dedicated to lectures, discussions and symposia, always treating the same subject of the first meetings of the month. On October 1st we had a meeting for members and invited guests,

when our best lecturer spoke about Dr. Besant's dedicated great life; then older members who had known her, said a few words about their meeting with her, all preceded by music, and at the end the General Secretary concluded, expressing the gratefulness of all to Annie Besant, also followed by music.

White Lotus Day was celebrated as usual, with lectures from the prescribed Scriptures, and a short talk by the General Secretary, also with musical introduction and ending. The festival always makes a great impression on all present, and it is striking to see the abundance of white flowers the members are contributing towards the decoration of the lecture room, poor as they are.

We also tried to come before the public again with two public lectures to begin with, held at Headquarters, but these only meant an introduction to those we started this year in October for which the big Hall of the Chamber of Lawyers is being given very generously, and quite gratuitously. But of these I shall have to report next year only.

During the summer holidays, we had again informal meetings at Headquarters; these were very well attended. We continued the old practice of having two lecturers on the platform, one of them introducing a subject freely chosen for about ten minutes, followed by free discussion, short talks of not more than 5 minutes each, at the end to be concluded by the second lecturer, giving a short resume. The average attendance at these summer meetings was 60, against 49 last year. These meetings are very useful because they give opportunity to many to express their opinions and also to those responsible for the leading of the Society, to discover new speakers.

A great and welcome event was the visit of Dr. A. Vreede from Huizen, who stayed with us at Headquarters for

more than a fortnight, conquering all hearts, and who gave a very interesting lecture on the Revival of the Mysteries, attended by 87. Besides this, he spoke to different groups of members, to the young people, and was always willing to help in every way the members who approached him.

We have 7 active Lodges now. The Lodge Adyar is dissolved as a Lodge, but remains very active as a Group to teach enquirers and new members the fundamental principles of Theosophy. It had to be dissolved as a Lodge because it had no constant membership, which fact is the consequence of its above-mentioned aim. Now it holds its meetings once a fortnight, attended by many enquirers and those of the new members who want a systematical introduction into the teachings of Theosophy, and who have not too much time for studying books.

Our Lodges in general are in fact all study groups, being small and composed according to the inclination of their respective members. They meet mostly once a fortnight, most of them at Headquarters, and a few at the houses of their Presidents.

In order to provide our members in the country with some spiritual food, besides our bi-monthly, THEOSOPHICAL NEWS, we are sending them shorthand notes of the lectures, and always a short report of the happenings at Headquarters. One of our younger members, who just now has to leave the Youth Lodge because she fulfills her 25th year, is doing this very useful and welcome work. She sends monthly letters to all members in the provinces, because we have at present no Lodges outside the Capital. All our ancient Lodges in the provinces are now on foreign territory: 3 in Roumania, and one in Czechoslovakia.

We have, as I mentioned above, a bi-monthly cyclostyled magazine now, very well edited by one of our younger

members too. It contains most of the "Watch-Tower" of the President, national and international news, and articles either original or translated from the *Theosophist* or other Theosophical magazines.

Quite a number of our members are in correspondence with brethren abroad, partly through the Correspondence League, and partly induced by the parcels received from America. Many pleasant links have been thus formed and probably renewed.

The question of Headquarters is not solved yet. We are overflowing at the meetings; still there is no immediate possibility yet to alter the fact. We have limited membership fees in order to secure more income for a bigger flat, but the prices are so high, and accommodation so scarce, that we have to wait till better times—we hope not too long!

We could not issue any new books, also for lack of funds and of paper. The printing of *First Principles of Theosophy* has been planned as being the most important book at present, but we have to wait, in spite of several generous gifts, for the helping of the carrying out of this plan. We are trying now to print some cheaper work, but for the moment everything must wait because there is simply no paper to be had!

Our small Section, however, is very much alive and trying to do its best in the great work, and hoping to increase in number and wisdom and capacity for the benefit of Humanity at large and our country specially.

Asking the Masters' blessing on the Convention of the Society, and sending our grateful and loving greetings to our beloved President,

Yours in the Service of the Masters,

FLORA SELEVER,

General Secretary.

FINLAND

In Finland as in every other country in the world a busy reconstruction has been steadily going on in spite of the heavy war reparation that handicaps every activity of the Nation.

During the last year the Finnish Section was happy to have several heartily welcomed visitors from other Sections. Bishop Viking from Denmark visited us last November, when a question meeting was held for the members of the Society. Then there was the visit of our old and dear friend, Mr. Ransom. On his tour (January 1st—February 4th) he was first welcomed by the members at Turku, from where, accompanied by Mrs. Magda Aspelin as an interpreter, he continued to Tampere where a successful social evening was held with the visitor's lecture on "The Path of Discipleship" as the main point. In Helsinki he gave two lectures, the subject of the first of which was that delivered at Tampere and that of the other "Theosophy as a Science of Life". In addition there was held a question meeting for members. In all meetings the large lecture hall was crowded with eager and thankful listeners. The question meeting in the Lodge hall was especially joyous. On leaving Mr. Ransom gave a promise to come again next year.

The culmination of the visits, however, was that made by the President, Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa. It took place on June 11-13 in Helsinki, where he gave one talk to the members who had gathered together from all parts of the country eager to listen to what he had to say and to get the personal contact with him. The public lecture delivered by him at the big Conservatoire hall was over-crowded by an enthusiastic audience and many were compelled to turn from the doors as there was no more room left. There was also some kantele music and a

member, Mrs. Piippa Heliö-Angervo, who is one of the most famous reciters of Finland, gave some Kalevala recitals. At the welcome meeting the President was greeted by the little Lotus Children with song and flowers. There was also arranged a 10-minutes radio interview, when the President answered three questions asked by Mr. Jussi Snellman. This was the third visit of Mr. Jinarājadāsa to our country, though the first one as President; and we do hope it will not remain the last.

Last autumn there was a rare opportunity for me and the Vice-General Secretary, Mr. Atte Pohjanmaa, to meet Shrimati Rukmini Devi and Mr. Sankara Menon with Colonel van Dissel in Stockholm. This visit enabled us to get a close vision of the schemes planned at Adyar and Huizen for the reconstruction of the Society in Europe and for the welfare of the world. I myself was given the opportunity to take part in the Round Table Conference at Weggis, Switzerland, and the Summer School in Geneva. This was made possible by the generous aid rendered by the European Federation. On the way home I paid a visit to the Gammel Praestegaard in Denmark where a Summer School was being held, presided over by Mr. and Mrs. Ransom. Having come into personal contact with so many colleagues and friends during this journey I hope I shall be able to bring to my Section some of the intense strength and new life that prevailed at the Conference.

The annual Convention of our Section was held at Easter in the large Hall of a School near the Headquarters. This time there was no visitor from other Sections. As usual, five meetings were held, all of them well attended by the members.

The Foundation Day was celebrated on November 17th with a programme of music. Adyar Day and White Lotus

Day were celebrated in the Headquarters' own flat with lectures and music. In addition to the ordinary Christmas festival there was held a "shadow meeting" simultaneously with the Annual Convention at Adyar.

Lodges.—During the year no specially new activities were started in the work of the Lodges. Each of them has been working as usual, gathering once a week or twice a month depending on how long distances the members have to travel to their Lodges, as the traffic condition is still far from normal.

As a link between the Helsinki Headquarters and the countryside Lodges the circular study-letters have been sent monthly by the Board. Several members from Helsinki and some from Tampere and Pori have made lecture tours into the country where the Lodges have always heartily welcomed this aid. News and reports from Adyar and Huizen have always been passed on to every Lodge.

The Youth Lodge which suffered most on account of the war, has ever since been almost dormant. Last year, it was going to start a new life under the leadership of its new young president Sirkka Syväoja-Westling. But, after scarcely having undertaken her duties, she died last winter; and as there has been no sign of activity since then, the Board declared the Lodge to be finished. At present, however, steps are being taken towards encouraging young members to start again.

In December last a new Study Circle was formed at Turku encouraged by a touring Helsinki Member Mr. Syväoja. Some members of the circle joined the Society.

Owing to the shortage of paper, our Sectional magazine, *TEOSOFI*, was published in 8 issues, 5 of which were

double issues. The subscriptions received were about 1000. The editors have been Mr. Pohjanmaa and Mr. Rankka, assisted by Miss Alli Aarni and Miss Signe Rosvall. The work—as all work in the Section—has been done as a voluntary service.

The following books have been published: The fifth part of Book II of *The Secret Doctrine*, translated into Finnish by Mr. Jussi Snellman: *Letters of the Masters of the Wisdom* (First Series), edited by C. Jinarājadāsa, translated by Miss Sirkka Simonen; *Collection of Aphorisms* (from several Theosophical books), collected by Mr. Armas Siimes: *The Theosophical Society Today*, (a pamphlet) by Mr. Sakari Seppälä.

During the year some generous American members have sent us gift parcels containing clothing, and from Norway some food-stuff parcels have been received. These very welcome gifts have been shared among the members in the greatest need.

The collection for the Besant World Fund was started at once on the arrival of the first appeal from Adyar; and judging by the attitude the members have taken to it one could say the Headquarters is very dear to them. The total for the present is Fmk. 56550, for which a deposit account has been opened. The collection is being continued.

The Section has 23 Lodges and 603 active members, a gain of 23.

As a summing up it can be said that the regular and steady work for and loyalty to the ideals, as the messenger of which the international Theosophical Society was founded, have strengthened among us the sense of solidarity and harmony which is sorely needed at present in the world.

ARMAS RANKKA,

General Secretary.

RUSSIA

Section Dissolved 1946

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Presidential Agency. No Report

SOUTH AFRICA

For many years past we have had very valued help from experienced international workers, and this has been the first year, that we, as a centralized Section, have worked completely with our own resources.

Committee.—In last year's executive work I was assisted by Mr. J. G. Beattie (Vice-President), Miss E. J. Clarke (Secretary), Miss M. Ford (Registrar), Mr. E. Hansen (Treasurer), Mr. R. Webster (Organizer, Service Groups), and Mr. I. Mitford-Barberton (Publicity). The Committee has held 7 meetings during the year.

Lodges and Centres.—A review of the work of the Lodges shows steady and lively activity. The Johannesburg and Cape Town Lodges have bought a site for a future building. I feel that it is a great milestone in the history of Theosophy in South Africa that two more homes for our work have been acquired and I add the hope that Durban may soon follow. All Lodges are actively engaged in Race Relations work, either organized by themselves or in collaboration with existing public movements. Three new groups have been formed, one in *Pietermaritzburg*, one in *Kloof*, and one in *Salisbury*. A new Centre has been opened at East London under the devoted leadership of Mrs. D. Roberts.

Lectures.—Since Miss Clara Codd left for America we have formed a

Panel of Speakers and have been able to organize lectures in the smaller places by encouraging these speakers to spend their holidays there. Also exchange of speakers between the Lodges has been encouraged.

Membership.—During the war it has been a policy of courteousness of our Lodges to keep all those on active service on their lists, while their subscriptions were waived. Many of these, on their return, resigned or lapsed, having lost interest during the time when it was impossible to keep contact. Also many refugees who were members have returned to their homes and were transferred to other Sections. The year under review therefore shows against the new admissions rather a heavy loss. We enrolled a total of 65 new members (against 86 in 1945). There were 4 readmissions and 5 transfers from other Sections, making a total gain of 74 new members, which was however offset by 29 resignations, 4 deaths, 60 lapsed memberships and 15 transfers to other Sections. Although the year shows a nett loss of 34 members, and a total membership of 533 at the end of the year, these figures do not reflect an actual lack of growth but are the result of a drastic revision of the rolls.

Advertisements and Distribution of Pamphlets.—Many advertisements have appeared in local newspapers and also in magazines which reach the farming

population, and as a result, approximately 500 letters and pamphlets have been despatched which were followed up by some personal correspondence in many cases. The Afrikaans advertisements resulted in another 150 enquiries, of which about 8 joined. This harvest has been a remarkable one and shows that here lies a field which should never be neglected. It is our intention in the coming year with the aid of the Correspondence Course, to double this effort. I warmly thank all who have assisted in this great work.

Correspondence Course.—As a result of our publicity work, and the vast distances in our country the need was felt for a Correspondence Course, condensing the main teachings in an attractive series of letters. A draft Course has been completed and we hope to have it ready soon.

Captain Lloyd Jones Book-gift.—About £60-0-0 worth of *The Essential Unity of All Religions* has been ordered by the generosity of Capt. Lloyd Jones, an American member. Our Section will despatch these books with accompanying letters to leaders of public thought.

Section Library.—For the first time a Section Library has been started which now counts approximately 200 books. A neat catalogue has been compiled and boxes of books have been sent to the smaller Centres and Groups and to scattered individual members.

Translation Work.—Annie Besant's *Reincarnation* and a new pamphlet *A Plan for South Africa* by Mr. Mitford Barberton, have been translated into Afrikaans, by Miss M. Cillie. We are gradually building up a good series of books in Afrikaans.

The Institute for Theosophical Publicity.—This Institute has greatly extended its business but the publication of *The Ancient Wisdom* in Afrikaans is still delayed through lack of funds.

Race Relations.—The cordial co-operation which exists between our Society and the Institute of Race Relations is felt in all our Lodges, and on most of our platforms talks on this subject are a regular feature. There is no colour bar among Theosophists and several of our Lodges count Africans, Chinese, and Indians among their members, some of whom work on committees. May this pave the way for a better understanding of each other and help to break down the terrible barriers of prejudice.

In reply to our advertisements we received many letters from Africans. I hope it will be possible for our Society to do more for the Bantu people in the future.

National War Memorial Health Foundation.—This movement, originally started by Theosophists, has now become a big social organization. The Theosophical Society is represented on it by 2 members.

Penal Reform.—The organizer of this movement has spoken in almost all our Lodges, which are everywhere giving their co-operation. The Section is a donor-member.

Rehabilitation Fund.—The separate world-fund for Theosophy was incorporated in the rehabilitation fund which had as its aim to assist war-stricken members in Europe. We sent £350-0-0 to Europe, to be distributed by the kind assistance of the European Federation, and another £70-0-0 to Adyar for the needs of other countries. Many thanks are due to all donors for their generosity.

Clara Codd Pension Trust Fund.—The deed of trust, as proposed at last Convention, was drawn up and the Treasurer's Report shows a balance of £672-16-9. Regular monthly payments have been sent to Miss Codd.

Ransom Fund.—£10-0-0 was sent to Mr. & Mrs. Ransom from this fund.

Visiting Lecturer's Fund.—A fund has been started to provide for an

international lecturer, when the opportunity arises.

The Vegetarian Society.—Our Section has taken the initiative in launching this movement in South Africa and it now stands on its own feet.

Service Report.—The work is under the direction of Mr. R. Webster.

Work for the Sick and Poor: All Lodges have done splendid work in this direction. Soldiers in hospitals are visited and helped tremendously by gifts and good cheer. The children of the members of one Lodge started the year by taking books and comics to sick children in hospital.

Financial help has been given to one of our members and another was rehabilitated into civil life, after the war.

At Christmas time the Lodges excelled themselves. Durban Lodge helped to organize the Bantu Christmas Society, which performed a fine piece of service work. 5000 native children were catered for with ice-cream, suckers, buns, sweets, toys, and their mothers received tins of jam, mealie meal and soap. Native choirs sang for them and stories were told in the native language. It is hoped more Lodges may be able to follow this example next Christmas. The sum of £10 was donated by a Durban member for needy cases. Personal contacts were made and the most deserving cases received a gift of £1 with Christmas Greetings.

Johannesburg Lodge collected the sum of 15 guineas, also a large number of toys and packets of sweets for the Non-European Children's Hospital. A poor family received clothes and toys.

Pretoria Lodge gave a Christmas party to 45 children of Ex-Service men working in the Sheltered Employment Factory. A carrier full of fruit was given to each child to take home. A concert party was also given for the parents.

Child Welfare Work.—Johannesburg Lodge gave a donation of £12. 10s.

to the Children's Diamond Jubilee Fund.

Race Relations Work.—As it should be, under our first Object, an extraordinarily fine report of service rendered is shown. Our greatest work lies in members joining all reform movements possible and serving on their committees. We still have three members working on the Joint Council of Europeans and Africans, one on the Committee of the Institute of Race Relations, one on the Committee of the Penal Reform League and one on the Committee of the Coloured Creche in Pretoria. The Johannesburg Lodge Service Group is an affiliated member of the Race Relations Institute. Durban Lodge's "Aid for Natives Group" has done yeoman service in collecting jumble for the Nursery of the Durban Old Girls' High School. The Nursery was helped on its way to completion by a donation of £38 collected from the sale of jumble. Five members helped in a Street Collection for Native Blind.

Pretoria Lodge collected jumble and toys for the Tumelong Mission at Lady Selborne Native Township and a concert was given in answer to an appeal for funds. Country members also sent in money to the Fund for Tumelong. During the year the Lodge Hall was hired by the Native Representative Council, used by the Local Joint Council for its Annual General Meeting and by Dr. Ruth Arndt and her Committee to arrange a concert in aid of the Coloured Care Committee.

Early this year the Section became a member of the Penal Reform League and the Lodges gave very generously in collecting £10 for this needy cause. Most Lodges have had talks on the very important point of Race Relations and its various branches, during the year, and Cape Town Lodge sent delegates to the Race Relation Convention held in 1946. Individual Theosophists have done a tremendous amount of work in

this line of service, notably Mrs. Southern Holt of Cape Town Lodge, who teaches dancing and other forms of self expression to coloured children.

Animal Welfare Work.—It is a great inspiration to know that one of our members is Chairman of the Johannesburg Branch of the S.P.C.A. and three more members are on the Committee. It is hoped that this example will be followed in other centres.

During the year our members have been active in helping in street collections for all Animal Welfare Organizations. Further good work has been done by one of our members in Rustenburg. A Clinic has been added to the S.P.C.A. property and Funds have been raised to help forward the movement by socials.

Healing Work.—Most Lodges have done this type of work for many years, but during 1946 the service was greatly extended. It is hoped that all Groups have the Animal Hospitals and Clinics on their lists.

Parcels for Overseas.—Our Lodges have sent numerous food and clothing parcels to the Theosophical Lodges in London, and to members in Europe.

Dramatic and Entertainment Group.—The Dramatic Group of Pretoria Lodge produced a full-length play "Outward Bound". As well as being performed at the 1946 Convention, the play was performed on two other occasions at which collections were taken for the T.S. World Rehabilitation Fund.

Art and Music.—Many well known artists have provided the Lodges with excellent musical programmes, either arranged for our weekly gatherings or for socials to attract people to our ideals and teachings, or to help us in raising funds for our many social commitments. We are extremely grateful to them.

General.—During the year we have presented every member with our new President, Mr. Jinarājādāsa's "Inaugural Address". Also his letter of welcome to new members has been printed.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all officers and committee members for their hard work and devoted services during the year. Our thoughts go out to Adyar, where our beloved President, Mr. C. Jinarājādāsa, has at the moment still many difficulties to face. I feel sure that our Section will always feel its loyal adherence to Adyar and will never fail to show this in thought and deed.

And let us, in concluding, pay homage to those Great Inner Leaders, whose Light never fails to illuminate and inspire our work for Humanity. May we be instrumental in the coming year in causing that Light to shine even more brightly, for where it truly shines, all darkness of ignorance and misery will be dispelled.

Let us then go out together again and spread that Message of Hope.

J. ELEANOR STAKESBY-LEWIS,

General Secretary.

SCOTLAND

The Report for this year records a season of quiet but steady work, with activities on the whole well maintained and in some cases increased. We have now been able to draw more freely on the services of lecturers from England,

and this resulted in a stimulation of interest, both among members and the general public. Mr. Hayes of London, and Mr. Burnell and Mr. Hartley (both of Leeds) visited us and after the recess we had Mrs. Ransom, a

very welcome and greatly appreciated visitor, whom we had not seen for a considerable number of years.

Attendances, generally speaking, have been quite satisfactory, but the long spell of extremely severe weather in February and March greatly reduced us in numbers, as it made travelling very difficult and, in some cases impossible.

The Eastern District carried out its usual programme of Sunday public lectures, Friday afternoon informal talks, Astrology Groups and *Secret Doctrine* Class. A class for the study of the *Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett*, for which the Edinburgh Lodge has made itself responsible, has met fortnightly throughout the season, and the Astrology Groups are run as an activity of the Portobello Lodge. Miss Harris, in addition to taking the Headquarters *Secret Doctrine* Group, has also given a series of talks on the same subject at Glasgow, Dundee and Rosyth, and her work was very much appreciated. Morningside Lodge meets fortnightly for the study of *Talks on the Path of Occultism*.

A great deal of work has been undertaken by the Orpheus Lodge. Its members have again undertaken the entire work of running the Friday afternoon Tea Talks and have, in addition, arranged a summer series of lectures in connection with the international Festival of Music and Drama to be held in Edinburgh this autumn. Members of this Lodge also do good work in the way of speaking to other organizations, as do some of the members of Morningside Lodge. Olcott Lodge, under the inspiration of its most conscientious Secretary, has pursued its usual busy and varied series of activities.

In the Northern District, Rosyth has its own Lodge and members meetings, as well as combining with Dunfermline for public lectures. Dundee closed its 36th year with a fine record of a busy season's work of public lectures, mem-

bers meetings and other activities. In addition to his work as President, Mr. Durward also gave two lectures and undertook most of the secretarial work in the absence of the Secretary. I have registered several new members from Aberdeen Lodge.

In the Western District, in addition to the usual series of public lectures, members meetings, speakers classes and Astrology group, a new class has been formed for the study of the *Secret Doctrine*, as a result of the talks given by Miss Harris. Annie Besant Lodge suffered a grievous loss in the death of its President, Miss Margaret Macmillan, one of the most outstanding and best loved of our Scottish Theosophists. Langside Lodge has now resumed the meetings which were interrupted during the war years. St. Andrews Lodge, which has been temporarily inactive, hopes to resume in September.

I attended the Welsh Convention at Cardiff in November and took part in the discussions, and also the English Convention in London in May. I also visited the Glasgow, Dunfermline and Dundee Lodges, as well as undertaking a tour of the English North-Western Federation at Easter time, and am due for further visits to England in September, October and November. Apart from other considerations, these tours provide opportunities for the establishing of most useful and valuable contacts, and in this connection, I should like to express my especial thanks to the House Warden and Librarian, Mrs. Kilpatrick, who enabled me to fulfil these engagements by deputising for me during my absences.

An Edinburgh Lodge member, Miss Wardrop, who died last year, left a legacy to one of our members (Mrs. Kilpatrick) who generously utilised it in the purchase of the stove which now stands at the entrance in the hall at our Headquarters here and which has proved a great boon, especially in the severe weather of the early spring.

The Library continues its work on a most extensive scale and is constantly extending its usefulness, being taken advantage of not only by most of our members, but also by outsiders, and enquiries are also received from members of other Sections. All who avail themselves of the Library well know how much of its success is due to the splendid devotion and untiring service of the Librarian, whom it is impossible to thank adequately.

Membership.—On 20th May 1946 our membership stood at 402. Since then 16 new members have joined, One has been transferred from England and 6 former members have been re-instated. Against this 20 have been suspended, 4 have resigned, 3 have died and 7 have been transferred to other Sections, leaving our membership at the end of May 1947 as 391.

On paper this shows a drop of 11, but this is caused by the unusually large number of suspensions, almost all of them former members of the Fair City Lodge, Perth. This Lodge was largely the creation of a enthusiastic and influential member, but after her death it gradually declined, and for a number of years now only two or

three members have been active. Owing to the conditions of the war years, it was thought advisable to take no action, but, as it is now evident that the inactive members have dropped out, I have suspended them. This of course was long overdue, and does not therefore represent a real drop in our membership for the year just ended. The total active Lodges is 21.

I should like to conclude on a more personal key. The work of a General Secretary is a responsible and strenuous one, and—in my own case, at least—seems to become increasingly so, but though I am deeply conscious of my personal insufficiencies for my task, I am also conscious of the help I receive both from the Spiritual Powers who stand behind us in our work and from the generous co-operation and understanding of my fellow members of the Scottish Section. If I have been able to accomplish some service during the year for the Society, it has been due in no small measure to this support, for which I gratefully and in all humility offer my thanks.

EDWARD GALL,
General Secretary.

SWITZERLAND

Lodge Activities.—One can conclude that in each branch Lodge there has been deep study of Theosophical teachings by the study of a book or of a subject. Independent of this regular work, lecturers of the Section have visited various Lodges and Centres, namely Madame Kamensky, Mr. Sassi, Mr. Reisch, Mr. van Sweerts, Dr. Reiwald, Hanspeter Wyss, Mlle. Roget and the General Secretary. These lectures were also given to members of the general public.

Visitors and Lecturers of Other Sections.—Mlle. Flora Seléver spoke at Geneva on Occultism and Pseudo Occultism. Mr. Gerrit Munnik of Holland showed his films of Adyar, Huizen, of the Indies, Java, Bali and Japan, in several Swiss villages. Mr. van Dissel attended a meeting at Basle on the occasion of an unofficial journey.

Rukmini Devi's Visit.—This was a most important event. She gave two talks at the Geneva Headquarters, one addressed to members and the other

to the public, the titles being India, her Philosophy and her Art. She brought to us the perfume of India and the atmosphere of the great spiritual centre of our Headquarters at Adyar.

Activity of the Geneva Group.—The series of lectures, "Towards a new Renaissance", commenced in 1945, were continued during the first three months. In the new Saturday programme, "Towards the Life of the Spirit", clergymen and several professors of the University of Geneva participated. Under the title, "To the Light of Theosophy", the Tuesday public lectures are given.

Membership.—Thirty new members have enrolled; 13 have resigned and 6 have passed into the light. Total membership: 318—a gain of 16. Lodges 17.

The members of the Section have shown their devotion and regard for Headquarters, Adyar, by subscribing the sum of 700 francs to the Adyar Fund so that, in response to the President's appeal, the total of gifts has been raised to 2,684 francs. Every

year we endeavour to send an important contribution to Adyar.

Round Table Conference and Worker's Week.—Our Section has deeply appreciated the honour paid to it in being entrusted with the preparations for the two international conferences of 1947. It was with the greatest enthusiasm that numerous helpers came forward from all sides to assist in the task. We are convinced that under the Presidency of Mr. Jinarājādāsa these two events, which for the first time after the hard years of war have reunited delegates from all the European Sections, mark an important new stage in the history and development of our Section.

We thank Mr. Jinarājādāsa with all our heart for all that he has given us in the name of Those who are behind him. His visit to our country was the outstanding event in the life of all of us.

F. SCHEFFMACHER,

General Secretary.

BELGIUM

The Belgian Convention was presided over by Professor Marcault.

Statistics.—

Active Lodges 1947=11

Active members 1946=332

Active „ 1947=347

Increase=15

Committee meetings.—The Committee meets monthly. This year it studied the project of a Bookshop to be established at Headquarters and which would be a "succursale" of the "Editions Adyar" in Paris. MM. Nicolay and Hiernaux proposed the form of statutes and these are still under discussion.

Library and Bookshop.—Both these were very active during the year, thanks

to Mr. van der Hecht, Librarian, and Mme. de Berg, Bookseller.

Lectures.—Thirty-seven lectures were given, always with a good audience. This year, as during the preceding ones, the Government gave to the Society a subsidy of 2,760 frcs. The lectures are regularly announced in two of the leading local papers. Let us first stress the magnificent lectures given by our beloved Rukmini Devi, who on the 4th of October spoke to the Young Theosophists; on the 5th she gave a public lecture "Kalakshetra et la Renaissance aux Indes"; on the 6th a lecture for the members, followed by a tea and an address in the evening to artists and educators

in M. Hastir's Studio. Our Brother Sankara Menon, though in bad health, gave a remarkable talk to members upon education. Rukmini Devi was the guest of the Belgian Section for over a month and, on her return from Paris, gave two lectures at Headquarters: "Le Femme et l'Education" and the other to Young Theosophists.

Mme. David-Neel, the well-known pilgrim to Tibet, gave us two lectures, a public one "La Vue Intense" and a talk to Young Theosophists. Dr. Hodiament spoke in a crowded hall upon "Homeopathie". The Order of Service organized two interesting lectures and M. Mertens van Gossum spoke to us of his "Institut de Vie Naturelle." Many interesting lectures were given also by our members.

The Commemoration of the Society, 17th November, and the 1st of October, and White Lotus day, May 8th, were celebrated. M. Wagemans, Prof. de Violon au Conservatoire de Bruxelles, played magnificently on White Lotus Day. We also had the pleasure this year of commemorating the 50th

Anniversary of Dr. Nyssens's membership in the Society. It was he who brought to Belgium one of the first Theosophical seeds from which the Section was to take birth.

Besant Centenary.—This project was elaborated in Belgium during Rukmini Devi's visit and the programme published in the March *Theosophist*. Monthly lectures on Dr. Besant will go on till the end of 1947.

Conclusion.—I believe we can be happy concerning the work of the Belgian Section, but as it is said that only constructive discontent can bear fruit, let us look at the future with a growing urge to do better and to be worthier of our individual and collective responsibility. One of our actual tasks is to carry the sacred teachings of the Masters of Wisdom outside the existing Centres. May we, next year, welcome new Lodges in other towns beside Brussels, Antwerp, Liege and Gand.

SERGE BRISY,

General Secretary.

NETHERLANDS INDIES

I have great pleasure in submitting herewith my Annual Report of the Indonesian (Dutch-East Indies) Section of the Theosophical Society covering the period from October 1st 1946 to October 1st 1947.

As we are still in a phase of semi-war, it is possible only to give facts about that part of our Section working in the Dutch Government occupied territories.

Opening this year with three Lodges: Batavia, Bandoeng, and Semarang, we closed with one more, Soerabaja.

On account of bad communications and a lack of competent workers, Brother Kumarasamy of Medan Lodge was advised to remain attached to Adyar.

The 17th of November next our little group will be strengthened by the reincarnation of the Centre, "PENETRANGAN" (LIGHT) in Soerabaja.

We do not yet know anything definite about our Lodges in Republican territory. According to a Chinese gentleman, returning from Soerakarta to Soerabaja, the Theosophical Lodge in Soerakarta is in full working order under the able guidance of Brother Soemardje and his wife.

Notwithstanding a constant loss of older members repatriating and the absence of many of our Indonesian and Chinese members, all Lodges have been very active last year in meetings for members and for non-members,

thanks to the unswerving loyalty of a small but efficient group of workers. It is a fact that practically the whole work of a Lodge rests on the shoulders of 2 or 3 members only and that means something if one knows of the difficulties we have with transport, domestic help and last but not least, want of space and furniture.

Our splendid Lodge buildings in Batavia, Blavatsky-park, have been required for military and civil use. Only two ramshackle garages may be used

for our library and a small gallery for our meetings.

In Soerabaja there is nothing left but walls and something of a roof. Meetings are held in the house of the treasurer.

Bandoeng had no Lodge premises and now uses part of the building of the Liberal Catholic Church.

Semarang, only, retained its Lodge-building, with all its furniture complete, thanks to the devotion of an old watchman, Karto.

Membership.—

	Batavia	Bandoeng	Soerabaja	Semarang	Total
Indonesian ...	0	2	0	4	
European ...	28	22	19	3	
Chinese ...	2	4	4	14	
...	30	28	23	21	102

Magazines.—We have not yet any magazine again, as there is no money and no paper available. To maintain inter-Lodge connections Soerabaja issues a typed leaflet of two pages, *de Kiem* (the *Germ*). Batavia began in October of this year with a stencilled periodical of four pages, *THEOSOPHIE*.

As it is still impossible to hold our usual annual national convention, Easter saw only small conventions in Batavia and Bandoeng, with lectures for members and non-members.

Everywhere we commemorated the Birthday of our President-Mother, Dr. Annie Besant.

There is nothing to be told about subsidiary movements. Our bookshop and Publishing House, with its annexe, is closed; its contents mostly stolen. We are beginning to rebuild our libraries, but lack of space is a serious hindrance in Batavia and Soerabaja.

During the war most of our lower and middle schools were continued by Indonesian members. After the return

of the Dutch and the withdrawal of the Indonesians, the larger part was closed. This is what we know about our schools in Dutch-occupied territory. Little is known about the others.

There is as yet no activity of the Order of Service, nor of the Young Theosophists.

Conclusion.—Even with the many difficulties in the outer world, we are trying to do our little bit of the GREAT WORK, to help to lift a little of the heavy Karma of the World. We are helped and guided by our belief and our confidence in The Inner FOUNDERS of our Society and Their great Servers, past and present. Dedicating anew our Life and work to the Great Cause, we offer our devotion and loyalty to the MASTERS of the WISDOM and to you, our beloved PRESIDENT and TEACHER.

J. H. VAN LEEUWEN,
Acting General Secretary.

BURMA

General.—Conditions were most difficult in Burma during the year under report for any constructive work, due to unsettled conditions in the country. Workers at Headquarters were few and the difficulties of communication added to the neglect of up-country Lodges, which have not received the attention they needed. The absence of the General Secretary from Burma for most of the year further weakened the effectiveness of the Section work.

Membership.—The membership rolls have not been brought up-to-date. There were five admissions during the year. The total strength on the rolls is 117. There are many members still to be contacted in Burma, and we hope to do this during the coming year. Active Lodges four.

Finance.—The finances of the Section continue to be unsatisfactory. Rangoon Lodge is the only Lodge which could pay annual dues for the year. Some individual up-country members have also sent in their annual dues but most of the members have yet to be contacted.

The Section estate in Thingangyun has been leased out to a number of small tenants and a sum of Rs. 108/- was realized as ground-rent during the year.

Lodges.—Rangoon Lodge continued to be the most active Lodge. It had a number of public lectures. The Lodge celebrated the important Theosophical events such as "White Lotus Day", "Adyar Day" and "Foundation Day".

Visitors.—The Section was privileged to have a short visit from Brother N. Sri Ram, on his way to Australia, when he addressed a members' meeting. On his return again he touched at Rangoon and spent an evening with

us. We look forward to a more leisurely visit from him, when he can visit the up-country Lodges.

Schools.—The B.E.T. Schools reopened as a Co-Educational School last July. The buildings were released by the Military Authorities and repairs and re-equipment have so far cost the Trust about Rs. 15,000/-. We need at least another Rs. 10,000/- to put the Schools into a fairly satisfactory condition. We have to consider the future of the Schools seriously.

The Burma Humanitarian League continued to do useful work though workers are very few.

District Lodges and Members.—Buddha Ghosha Lodge at Pyinmana and Lotus Lodge at Mandalay have started regular study groups and U Hla Mg and U Kyaw Hla rendered useful service in various directions in Pyinmana and Mandalay respectively. Brother U Maung Maung Hmin is trying his best to get the Blavatsky Lodge, Maymyo, revived.

Brother U San Mya carried on Theosophical activities at Tangdanggyi.

The country needs Theosophy more than ever and, with the very few workers available, each has to redouble his efforts for the speedy rehabilitation of the Section. Much ground-work has been done by our energetic Treasurer, Mr. C. R. N. Swamy and our thanks are due to him.

Let us pledge ourselves to do our very best for the cause which is so dear to our hearts.

May the Blessings of the Great Ones rest on the Theosophical Society.

N. A. NAGANATHAN,

General Secretary.

AUSTRIA

I am very pleased to state that we had great success in our work this year. We continued our weekly public lectures in Vienna as well as in Graz. We asked our Members to invite those of their close friends with whom they had discussed our main ideas. We had success with this method so that the general level of intellectual and spiritual progress has grown to some extent.

In February and May I was invited by RAVAG, the Broadcasting Company of Vienna, to broadcast and took the opportunity to broadcast a talk on "Buddhism" and a second talk on "Theosophy". In Graz Dr. Norbert Lauppert has met with increasing success for our periodical, ADYAR, by means of which many people at large in our country have been interested in Theosophy. Recently it became possible for us to found our own Theosophical Publishing House, *Adyar*, in Graz. We were able to bring out the first two publications, *Mensch, Welt und Gott* by Dr. Lauppert, and *Zu Fussen des Meisters* by Krishnamurti, with a preface by Dr. Lauppert.

Scattered members in the south zone were collected under the Lodge *Styria* in Graz. In addition to this the *Kunstloge* was started also at Graz for bringing together members for musical performances during the activities of the Styrian Federation. In Bruck am Mur one of our old faithful members, Dipl. Ingenieur Leopold Goebel, assisted the work of the Lodge, *Gnosis II*, in an excellent manner.

The new book by the President *Theosophy, A Philosophy of Thought and Action* was translated into German and printed for distribution to Austrian members as well as to German-speaking members of the Society in Switzerland.

In April and May we had the pleasure of having Bishop Dr. A. Vreede from

our Spiritual Centre in Huizen in our midst. We heard two of his inspiring lectures.

Thanks to the President's invitation and the arrangements of the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Europe, it was possible for me and Dr. Lauppert to attend the Theosophical Round Table Conference at Weggis and the Worker's Week in Geneva during July 1947, where we were able to establish personal contact once again with our International Brotherhood and this gave us much inspiration and fresh enthusiasm.

The good work of our Austrian Section was largely made possible by the wonderful relief work of the American Section in Wheaton and their Lodges. They have sent us more than 650 packages of food stuff of all kinds, and shoes and clothes, so that every one of us was able to receive very great assistance in his personal distress. This help meant for many of us a relief from illness and gave us fresh hopes for the future and at the same time proved that Brotherhood is not only a transcendental ideal but a living reality. With this moral power in our minds we went on with our work in spite of all external difficulties. The distribution of these most needed clothes, underclothes and shoes among our members released in them such a great thankfulness to the T. S. that everybody spent as much money as he or she could spare from our Sectional Relief Fund for the Fund for a new Headquarters in Vienna. Thus it was possible for us to hire a beautiful little hall together with piano for our public lectures; and the rare opportunity to buy 64 new chairs made it possible for us to establish our library, too, there. Thanks to the help of the Theosophical Society in Europe, in England, and in U.S.A. we have again books in German and English for the use of members.

It was a remarkable day for our Section when on October 1st the anniversary of Dr. Annie Besant was celebrated in our new hall most impressively and with much enthusiasm in our hearts.

With the beginning of our new year of activity the number of our Lodges is 13, the number of Centres 4, and the number of active members 369. This

means an increase of 116 members in 1946-47.

In the hope that our work may grow more and more in the service of the Masters I send the brotherly greetings of the Austrian Section and myself.

FRITZ SCHLEIFER,

General Secretary.

NORWAY

I beg to send you a short report for the year 1946-1947. This report will have three chief points:

1. We have been visited by Theosophical lecturers from abroad, and this has given us an invaluable stimulus in the work, which we are sorely in want of, on account of the drawbacks experienced after so many years of war and occupation. Amongst the visitors we had two of the most prominent workers in the Theosophical Society of today: Mr. Sidney Ransom and Bishop Otto Viking.

2. The important work done by our Lodges included meetings for members only and meetings open also for interested outsiders and public lectures.

3. The publication of *NORSK TEOSOFISK TIDSSKRIFT*.

In the fact that the Theosophical Society is an international, world-wide Society it is understood that the various Sections—using their own homely resources—are also entitled to draw upon the resources of the greater Theosophical Society and its international workers and teachers, in order to gain all views represented, more of the colours of the spectrum, new impulses and ideas.

At our previous convention we were visited by Mrs. Eva Ostelius, the Swedish General Secretary, and she held the first public lecture of our series, on the topic: *Life after Death*. Her

lecture was published in translation in *NORSK TEOSOFISK TIDSSKRIFT*.

In October last year we were visited by the well-known Danish Theosophist, Otto Viking, last summer consecrated Bishop for the Northern countries in the Liberal Catholic Church. He delivered several lectures for members, and also a public lecture, entitled "Theosophy and To-day—Unity or Chaos?" In January this year came Mrs. Birgitte Winde who went to Trondheim as the guest of the Norwegian Section. She there talked to the members of the Lodge St. Olav.

And in February we were visited by Mr. Sidney Ransom, an old and dear friend of our Section. He and Bishop Viking were also among the lecturers at the Summer School at Gammel Praestegaard, Denmark, last summer. Mr. Ransom lectured both for members and for interested outsiders in the course of a "Theosophical week" in Oslo, and held also a public lecture on "Can we alter the future?" After the week in Oslo Mr. Ransom, together with Miss Edel Sparre as translating "echo", went to the Lodges of Stavanger and Haugesund, in western Norway.

Then Bishop Viking came again, and this time he not only gave us a "Theosophical Week" in Oslo, but he also travelled to our three active Lodges outside Oslo: Stavanger, Haugesund

and Trondheim. He gave a series of inspiring and enriching lectures, a lecture also on the basis of Dr. G. S. Arundale's book, "*Lotus-Fire—a study in symbolic Yoga.*" Meetings with questions and answers were also arranged and a public lecture on "The man of the future". Bergen was also visited and Bishop Viking lectured to the Danish Association of Bergen and the Animal Protection Society. Mrs. Ruth Wessel Nielsen accompanied him on this trip and made a contribution to the effect of the meetings through her music. This lecturing tour was a great success, giving all the Lodges visited great help and inspiration. Bishop Viking gained many new friends, wherever he came.

Two of our members have given an amount of Norwegian Kr. 1,000 to a fund, giving help to meet the expenses for the lecturers from abroad. To this fund contributions have also been received at some social gatherings amongst the members and interested sympathizers. The Lodges of Stavanger Haugesund have also contributed to meet the said expenses.

NORSK TEOSOFISK TIDSSKRIFT: This year we have tried to sell our magazine to the public on the stands of newspapers. From 100 to 200 copies of each issue have been sold, but all too many copies are returned, so that when we have thought that this or that issue is quite sold out, rather many issues are suddenly returned.

We have gained 8 new members, all in Oslo, so that we have now 119 members in Oslo. Total membership: 122—a gain of 4. Number of Lodges 8.

Two great events especially stand out from all the rest: The visit of our President, Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa, and the Round Table Conference in Switzerland. It was a great, happy and inspiring event to meet the President, and his lectures, both to the members and to the public, were highly appreciated by all listeners. Unfortunately only three newspapers of Oslo responded to the call sent to all the newspapers of Oslo, totalling 12, and of these 3, only two inserted articles regarding the President's visit to Norway. Happily after the public lecture, one of our friends got published in the weekly paper "*Norges Kvinner*" (*Women of Norway*) rather lengthy quotations from the lecture, on the basis of a translation of the lecture sent to her. This was a great help.

Also the Round Table Conference attended by two representatives from Norway, Ruth and Ernest Nielsen, gave invaluable inspiration, ideas, and impulses, and I hope that the work in Norway will greatly benefit from all this.

On the 1st of October articles by Mrs. Agnes Martens Sparre and Ingeborg Boye were published in about 6 of the newspapers in Oslo for the Centenary of Dr. Annie Besant. Meetings were held in all Lodges.

Heartfelt greetings and good wishes to the President and all his colleagues at Adyar, from all members of Norway and the undersigned.

ERNEST NIELSEN,

General Secretary.

EGYPT

Presidential Agency. No Report

DENMARK

The year began with the election of a new General Secretary in the place of Charles Bonde Jensen who died in August 1946.

In Copenhagen where joint activity between the Lodges has been rather difficult the Lodges have tried holding common meetings and, I understand, most members are satisfied with these meetings. There is now a greater effort and enthusiasm in Theosophical work in Copenhagen, so we hope that the future will bring good results.

A new Lodge—Annie Besant Lodge—has been formed at Copenhagen, most of the members of this new Lodge having been members of other Lodges. The total Membership stands at 341. Active Lodges 12.

In the Aarhus Lodge there has been harmonious and good work during the year. Members from this Lodge have regularly visited a group in the town of Randers about 20 miles north of Aarhus. This group has been active for about 2 years, and it is probable that a Lodge will be created from this group.

Both at Copenhagen and Aarhus regular public meetings have been held.

The work in the Herning Lodge and in the Horsens Lodge has been rather weak during the last few years. We are going to try to put some fresh life into these Lodges.

It was arranged to hold our annual Convention at Aarhus in Easter. But because of the unusually severe winter which lasted up to Easter, making travelling difficult, the Convention was postponed to May.

The meetings took place in the meeting room of the Aarhus Lodge. In the morning the reading of the Annual Report and the necessary elections and other more business-like work was done. In the evening there was a symposium on the subject "The Present Standpoint

and Influence of Theosophy". The meetings were very harmonious.

In the winter we had a visit from Mr. Ransom, who made a journey to Denmark, Sweden, Finland, and Norway. In each of these countries he lectured at several Lodges. In Denmark he lectured at Aarhus and at Copenhagen. It was planned that he should give a lecture at Aalborg also on his return journey but owing to the severe winter he was late in his schedule and could not stay at Aalborg. Mr. Ransom has visited Scandinavian countries many times and Theosophists in these countries appreciate his lectures.

The President's visit to Denmark from 28th May to 2nd June was very successful. He gave a lecture at Aarhus for members about Theosophy and the Theosophical Society, and at Copenhagen he gave the same lecture for members, and a Public Lecture, *Religion, Science, Philosophy: What Next?* Though on account of a printers' strike the meetings could not be advertised there were 200 present and the lecture was most appreciated. Also the meeting for members was very successful. We here in Denmark are very thankful for the President's visit.

The Summer School at Gammel Præstegaard was held from 20th to 30th July. Through the Summer School this additional centre for Theosophy in the northern countries has been secured. The meetings were, as they were last year, led by Mrs. Ransom. We appreciate deeply Mrs. Ransom's leadership. Mr. Ransom was also present and gave his very valuable help. We are very grateful for Mr. and Mrs. Ransom's work in our countries.

About eighty members from Norway, Sweden, Finland, England and Denmark were present at Gammel Præstegaard and they all enjoyed the

communion and the lectures. We feel that Gammel Praestegaard is, and will in future be, of great significance for Theosophy in our countries, and our hearts are full of gratitude towards the Founders, Mr. and Mrs. Winde, who so unselfishly, through considerable donations and hard work, have achieved the realization of this Centre.

Also, as usual, this year Mr. and Mrs. Viking held a Summer School at their home, "Besantgaarden". This is a private arrangement and there were Theosophical Lectures and Liberal Catholic services. Several members have attended this Summer School

and have expressed their delight in the spiritual values they received there.

On the whole here in Denmark there is some enthusiasm for Theosophy, naturally more in some Lodges than in others, and we feel confidence in the future. The meetings in October will deal with Annie Besant and her work. Next we have planned to do something for the Lodges in which the work has been weak, and also to make an attempt to create interest in Theosophy in new places.

With brotherly regards to the Headquarters from

J. H. MOLLER,
General Secretary.

IRELAND

In submitting this report, as General Secretary of the Irish Section, I should like first of all to thank the members of the Section for their hearty and unfailing co-operation and support during the past year, not only the members of the Dublin Lodges, but also the members of other Lodges in the Section. Since our last Convention, a year ago, life has become very difficult for some of us, and I most sincerely appreciate the willing and cheerful service which has been extended to me since my appointment as General Secretary. The past year has, I feel, been one of steady progress. Despite the severe and inclement weather during the months of winter and early spring the Lodges have carried on their work with punctilious and unswerving regularity.

In September 1946 Shrimati Rukmini Devi had planned to visit Ireland, but owing to her many obligations during her tour of Great Britain and Europe keen disappointment was experienced when word was received that she would be unable to fulfil her engagements in Dublin and Belfast.

An increase in interest and attendance has been noted in the Dublin Lodges, though the membership still continues at a low figure. Many enquirers attend the meetings and appear to evince a keen interest in Theosophical subjects, asking numerous questions and providing themselves with literature on various topics. Owing to scarcity of rations and lack of fuel for heating, the Social Evenings have had to be discontinued for the time being.

A Christmas Gift Table provided a generous sum of money towards the expenses of the Lodges. The Members and Enquirers' Study Groups, I regret to say, have been very poorly supported during the year. Again, it may be through the severity of the weather. Headquarters has been open and the Library at the disposal of members, enquirers and friends four afternoons weekly during the year. These afternoons will be continued in the months of July and September. The sewing circle was in full swing last autumn but has been suspended temporarily for various reasons, chiefly the fuel

question. Much excellent work has been accomplished in this direction. The Library has been well supported; a number of books from the late Dr. Norman Joynt's Library have been presented and acknowledged. Mrs. Lyburn and Mr. Pielou have also presented several volumes to the Library. During the Autumn, one hundred copies of *The Essential Unity of all Religions* were distributed, through the courtesy of Captain Russell Lloyd-Jones, to prominent people in Ireland; another one hundred copies are expected to arrive shortly, for further distribution. Among the lecturers during the sessions was Miss M. Bruce from Iona, Scotland, who contributed a most delightful address on "The Kingdom of Faerie". Other lecturers were Mrs. Nan Walker, London, and Miss Dorothy Emerson,—both excellent speakers and greatly appreciated.

The outstanding event of the year was the visit of our President, Mr. C. Jinarājādāsa, to Dublin and Belfast from the 16th to the 21st May. He addressed the members on May 19th and delivered a public Lecture on "Religion-Science-Philosophy! What Next?", to an interested and enthusiastic audience on 20th May, leaving for London on 21st May. His visit will be long remembered.

Owing to difficulties and increased responsibilities I was unable to visit the Cork and County Lodge in 1946 but hope to do so in October 1947. The members meet very regularly for study and several have visited Headquarters and attended meetings. Coleraine Lodge, too, has had its ups and downs, frustrations and difficulties, due to illness and the withdrawal of various members who have left Coleraine to reside in other parts of the country. Captain and Mrs. Matheson have gone to live in Germany, where Mrs. Matheson hopes to contact the German members and Lodges.

Belfast Lodges show a steady growth and interest in the work, which has been splendidly maintained all through the year. The study groups and members meetings were held regularly; considerable progress has been made in the study of psychology and in *First Principles of Theosophy*. Mr. C. D. Shores was a welcome visitor, and addressed the Lodges in September 1946. In February 1947 Mr. F. W. Pigott, M.A. received a hearty welcome from members and old friends and gave a public lecture on "Religion in the New Age". The social meetings for members continue to be an inspiring feature of the sessions: different speakers give their interpretations of the Arts, music, poetry and painting. These re-unions are a source of harmony and fellowship, drawing the members together, in a bond of unity and co-operation. The Belfast Lodges' Library is well served by the two librarians, Miss Dorothy Fowler and Dr. Hugh Shearman, both of whom devote a considerable portion of their leisure and energy to the library activities.

Statistics.—

Active Lodges	...	8
New members	...	8
Losses	...	11
Membership 1946	...	113
Membership 1947	...	110

The President arrived in Belfast on 16th May and was warmly welcomed by the President and Secretary of the Belfast Lodges as well as by the General Secretary. He gave an informal talk to the members and also met the members of the Committee, delivering the public lecture on Sunday, 18th May. Mr. J. E. Van Dissel, General Secretary of the European Federation of National Societies, was also present at the meetings and addressed the members later in the week. The President left Belfast for Dublin on 19th May. His visit to

Ireland has been both an inspiration and a benediction. His kindly humour and sympathetic understanding and interest endeared him to us all. Everything went according to plan. The stimulus of his presence will remain and conduce to further effort and re-dedication to the great work of service to humanity.

The growth of the Theosophical Society in Ireland progresses slowly, but we have no cause for complaint; the workers are few but they are stable, reliable and full of dedicated purpose. Irish members, both men and women, have an important role to play in the integration of the world. They are builders of bridges from Nation to Nation, from Race to Race, from Culture to Culture.

The Keynote of Ireland is UNITY not separateness, a linking together of

all people without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour. It is written that millennia ago the land which was to be Ireland was ruled by great Atlantean Occultists and they made it a mighty Centre of force. With them, in harmonious co-operation, wrought the Devas of the land, the splendid intelligences, who still find their home on some mountain-tops of the Green Island, and in whose charge has been left the guarding of the country until the day shall dawn when she shall again become the Island of Saints, the western centre of spiritual life and from her shall surge over Europe the spiritualising wave which shall purify Christianity and make it a fit instrument for the Master of Christendom.

ALICE LAW,

General Secretary.

MEXICO

This year saw the birth of two new Lodges, one at *Tapachula*, State of Chiapas, on the 25th of February 1947, and another in the *City of Mexico*, on the 25th of October 1947. The founding members included 21 new members of the Society.

Three old and distant Lodges, whose meetings had been suspended, were strengthened and awakened into activity by the visit of the General Secretary. They are now working well. Eight new members have formed a Centre at *Nuevo-Laredo*, State of Tamaulipas, where Theosophy was previously unknown.

The General Secretary undertook two extensive lecture-tours, in the course of which he visited 15 northern cities, delivered 38 lantern lectures and conducted study meetings. Great interest in Theosophy was aroused.

Signs of progress are shown by the two Youth Lodges *Maitreya* and *Morya*, the hope of our Section. At the City of *Nueva Casas Grandes*, in the State of Chihuahua near the U.S.A., an Indian girl from the mountains, aged 12, eagerly asked me to admit her into the Theosophical Society. She insisted that "she wanted to be admitted in order to go and teach" her people in the mountains.

We have been in close contact with the Spanish-speaking Sections of this Continent, sending them free copies of Dr. Besant's book *The Inner Government of the World* translated into Spanish, as well as pamphlets and samples of our Diploma-Form.

A national group of Young Theosophists was started in this country headed by Mr. Orlando de la Teja. This group is in contact with Youth

Centres in Peru, Cuba, and Puerto Rico, thus establishing new links for the international currents of Theosophical life.

Statistics.—Admissions during the year total 71, twice the average admissions during the last six years. Our active Lodges number 21 and there are 5 Centres. During the year 62 members were removed from the rolls. The total active membership is 350.

Publicity and Propaganda.—In addition to the Section Bulletin, 20,000 copies of the leaflet *Dharma* were mailed bi-monthly by the General Secretary to some 4000 people. Several letters of appreciation of this service were received. Dr. Alfredo Cuaron of Tampico, sent fortnightly letters to members and friends, as well as one issue of the leaflet *Eclectica*. A youth review, *Amanecer*, appeared twice and a small review, *Gnosis*, edited by the *Merida* Lodge at Yucatan, twice also, commemorating the Besant Centenary.

At Headquarters a series of 14 public lectures was successfully carried out from February 18th to May 20th, by members of the Metropolitan Lodges.

Early in April, and from September 12th to October 23rd, the General Secretary visited 15 cities, lecturing all along the north-east and central portions of the country. A small colour film projector 35 mm, was then of great aid for the graphical presentation of some of the Theosophical teachings as, for instance, the Solar System; Chains and Rounds; Lemuria and Atlantis; Races and the Aryan Sub-races. Several diagrams and 12 coloured maps were drawn for that purpose. These lantern lectures I consider the best system since the speaker wins for his words the ear, the eye, the silence and attention of his audience till the very last slide.

Besant Centenary.—We tried our best to organize the Besant Centenary

with the object of adding our homage to the world-wide homage offered by the Theosophical Society to our GREAT PRESIDENT on the 1st of October, 1947. Several of our Lodges prepared special festivals and the Theosophical hymn was sung by all. Four of our Lodges celebrated *Besant-week*, including a programme of music by an orchestra of 50 musicians. Our Young Theosophists performed very artistically a small play dealing with the last incarnations of great souls and adapted by the General Secretary from an article by Jean Delaire. 450 copies of the Besant Centenary booklet in Spanish were then freely distributed to all our members and some friends.

Adyar, White Lotus and Foundation days were joyfully commemorated. During the year our Section collected \$ 222 for the Besant-Adyar Fund.

Annual Convention.—Our next annual Convention will be held at the Seaport of *Veracruz*, for three days, December 27-29. The local Lodge *Apolonio de Tyana* will be the host. The nearness of the sea and the warm enthusiasm of many members expecting to attend, presage the success of this Convention.

The Mystic Star Ritual.—This ritual is regularly performed on the last Sunday of each month and is a source of joy and inspiration to all who attend.

Conclusion.—As the fraternal unity in our Section had no interruption at all during this year, we feel glad and full of confidence for the future. This year our Section seems to have entered on a new period of its growth. In closing this report we send the salutations of the Mexican Section to Adyar and reiterate our willingness to co-operate and our readiness to serve and support our Great Theosophical Movement.

ADOLFO DE LA PEÑA GIL,

General Secretary

CANADA

Numerically the Canadian National Society remains about the same. We had some thirty-three new members, but lost nine by death, and some memberships are unpaid, but it is hoped that these will soon be on the active list again.

I had the pleasure of attending the American Convention held at "Olcott" in July and was very impressed with all I saw there, as well as with the sincerity of the pleasure evinced by the great gathering at having the Canadian General Secretary with them. Contacts were made which I feel sure will bear fruit in greater co-operation and mutual esteem between the two Sections.

Membership.—Active Lodges 15. Active members 372—a loss of 4.

It is with extreme regret I report the death of Mr. Albert E. S. Smythe who passed away in Hamilton on October second. Mr. Smythe introduced Theosophy into Canada in 1889 and through his efforts it has grown to its present proportions and has made itself manifest outside the organization in many ways. Time will show that he built the scaffolding of an immense structure, and I have no doubt that in due course it will stand forth as a great monument to his unswerving courage, ability and integrity of purpose. He founded the Canadian Section after organizing the Toronto Lodge of which he was President for many years. For 25 years he was General Secretary, and for 27 years was editor of the CANADIAN THEOSOPHIST. Not until utter feebleness of old age overtook him did he hand over the reins of office to others. His brilliant intellect functioned until the end, a few hours before he died he dictated an article for the magazine which will appear in the next number. We have lost a great advocate, a great friend, adviser

and mentor, but our sorrow is tempered in the knowledge that he has gone to a well deserved rest and by knowing that his spirit will return in another body to resume the great work that was the lode-stone of his life.

Owing to advances in price of printing and stock we have been forced to reduce the size of our magazine to sixteen pages. Whilst this is regretted, it is hoped that ways and means will be found to restore it to its original size. Mr. Dudley W. Barr succeeded Mr. Smythe as its editor last June and judging its excellence as expressed by its numerous readers, we feel sure it will continue as a source of information and inspiration as heretofore.

We have been inundated with letters from distressed persons in Europe asking for help. Individuals and Lodges have responded in some degree by sending parcels of food and clothing, and much in the way of necessities has been collected at meetings and forwarded to the proper authorities for disposal. Ours is not a wealthy Section and it is distressing to have to turn down any of these pathetic appeals, but we are doing our best under the circumstances.

There have been quite a number of distinguished lecturers at our various Lodges, many from across the Line, and these augmented by our own have kept Theosophy not only before the public but have been instrumental in keeping interest aroused in the various centres.

Theosophy, like yeast in a loaf, is working slowly but surely in the minds of people in every strata of society over here and I feel sure that the time will come and not far hence, when there will be a great fruition, and it is up to us all to be ready when the opportunity comes.

E. L. THOMSON,
General Secretary.

ARGENTINA

Our Section consists at present of 61 Lodges and 7 Centres, with a total of 1,200 active members, these figures include the Bolivian Sub-Section. The Argentine Theosophical Library, which is an independent entity composed of members and non-members of our Society has about 300 members. Other activities are developing in this country, such as the Young Theosophists, the Correspondence League, the Theosophical Order of Service and the Round Table.

The Section continues to contribute to the rehabilitation of the European Sections and to the helping of the General Headquarters, the Flaming Centre at Adyar.

Just at the moment there has been started a collection for a Fund for obtaining a Headquarters of our own for the General Headquarters of the Section and for other buildings in cities where there are Theosophical Lodges.

The magazines which are published in Argentina include REVISTA TEOSOFICA ARGENTINA, 1,500 copies printed bi-monthly, *Evolucion* 2,000 copies monthly, *Comprehension* 1,000 copies bi-monthly, *Guayrena* 500 copies monthly, and *Osiris*, 500 copies bi-monthly.

An edition of *The Theosophist* of Adyar, in Spanish, has been begun, with good success with an issue of 1,000 copies which will be placed at the disposal of all the Sections which speak Spanish.

The South American Theosophical Federation has just published the second number of its official magazine, *The South American Theosophist*.

With the creation of new Lodges in Bolivia, after the visit of the General Secretary of Argentina to that country, the Bolivian Sub-Section was formed and now has six Lodges. It is hoped that when one or two more Lodges are founded, to ask the World President to Constitute a new Section, the Bolivian Section.

The National Convention of the Argentine Section is held each year at Easter. The 29th Annual Convention will take place in March 1948.

The Centenary of the birth of Dr. Annie Besant was celebrated throughout the country.

New editions of the following books have been published: *The Secret Doctrine*, by Madame Blavatsky, *Thought Forms* and *Man, Visible and Invisible*, by C. W. Leadbeater, *The Power of Thought*, by Annie Besant, *Man*, by Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater, and other books which were out of print in the Spanish editions.

Thousands of pamphlets on Theosophical teachings were printed and distributed by Lodges and members throughout the country.

Theosophical work in Argentina is making rapid progress.

JOSE M. OLIVARES,
General Secretary.

CHILE

Active Lodges	1947	...	13
Members	1946	...	149
"	1947	...	173

BRAZIL

On the occasion of the last election of the General Secretary it was decided to move the Headquarters of the Section from Rio de Janeiro to Sao Paulo. A large number of new members have joined us but a large number have lapsed. In spite of this we can say that Theosophy in Brazil is making progress. Membership stands at 613, a decrease of 224. There are 15 active Lodges.

The most important facts about our work for the year are as follows:

(a) The formation of a study group at Santa Ana which we hope will soon become a Lodge.

(b) The foundation of a new Lodge, Lodge Thibet, at Sao Paulo.

(c) The visit of the General Secretary to Lodge Bhagavad Gautama, meeting in the State of Minas Geraes in the city of Belo Horizonte. The visit roused much interest and enthusiasm.

(d) The Headquarters of the National Section has been transferred to the city of Sao Paulo, in deference to the wishes of the majority of members in Brazil, as expressed at the last election.

(e) In consequence of this change the official magazine of the Section O TEOSOFISTA will now be published

monthly instead of bi-monthly. This has caused real satisfaction to the readers in general.

(f) A Congress to commemorate the first centenary of the birth of Dr. Annie Besant was held from September 27th to October 1st. On September 27th there was a lecture on *World Reconstruction* and on the 28th a visit to the town of Mogy das Cruzes. In this town we visited the local radio station and, as some of our members are among the owners of this station, we intend to put on the air talks about Theosophy in general.

On the 29th September there was a lecture on *Dr. Besant and her Work*; on the 30th September discussion on the *Enlarging of the Theosophical Society in Brazil*; the closing meeting of the Congress took place on October 1st. Some aspects of this Congress were filmed and shown in one of the cinemas in the town. This has helped the propaganda of the Society.

We hope that next year will show very good progress in the Theosophical Society in our country.

ARMANDO SALES,
General Secretary.

BULGARIA

Presidential Agency. No Report

ICELAND

The last year of work in the Theosophical Society in Iceland has been successful and full of good promise for the future. It seems that a new spirit of service and sacrifice is awakening amongst the members. Great sums

of money have poured in and some members have gladly given their time and work in order to repair and beautify the home of the Society—the Headquarters Hall. It is my wife who has the honour of having invoked this

spirit of practical Theosophy, and it is our hope that this spirit will live and gather new strength as the years pass by.

Our Annual Meeting was held on September 28th, when I was elected General Secretary for the 12th time. Monday evening 29th we celebrated the Centenary of Dr. Annie Besant with short lectures, recitals from her works, and music. In the next issue of our magazine, *GANGLEN*, there will appear an article on Annie Besant. I also gave a radio-lecture on her life.

Membership.—

Active Lodges 4.

Active Members 196, a gain of 4.

For many years the Order of Service has been inactive, but now, when I am

writing these lines, the Order is being re-established. The workers are few, but we hope that this birthday-present to Annie Besant will be accepted by the Lords of Karma and blessed with success.

I, myself, have given some radio-talks on spiritual matters, and regularly lectured in the Lodges in Reykjavik twice a week during the winter. I also directed a study-group, where the main principles of public speaking were taught and discussed.

May the Spirit of Theosophy spread all over the world.

GRETAR FELLS,

General Secretary.

SPAIN

No Report

PORTUGAL

The aim of this report is to give a summary of information about the Theosophical movement in Portugal, during the year 1946-1947.

The first preoccupation of the General Secretary was to keep the good results obtained during the last years and to strengthen the existing branches; then to increase, if possible, the number of members and of branches by propaganda made according to the circumstances.

In September 1946, we had 183 members. Till September 1947, we registered 18 new entries. As we had 7 resignations and one member died, we have actually 193 members; ten more than last year.

The same ten branches as last year are active and in good standing. They are:

Isis, in Lisbon; *Maitreya*, in Lisbon; *Visconde de Figanière*, in Lisbon; *Annie Besant*, in Lisbon; *Koot-Hoomi*, in Lisbon; *Horus*, in Lisbon; *Alcyone*, in Matozinhos; *Krishnamurti*, in Ponte de Lima; *Pitagoras*, in Lisbon; *Lotus Blanco*, in Lisbon.

Besides the work of the branches, we gave public lectures, one every month, in our premises.

We celebrated properly the following festivals: Adyar Day, the Anniversary of the Foundation of the Theosophical Society; the White Lotus Day; the Wesak Day, and our General Convention.

During this year, we made important changes in the composition of our Directive Council. I was appointed as the General Secretary and the

President of our Section. Some Young Theosophists joined the Council for the first time. This renewal was made with the necessary prudence. The previous General Secretaries were elected to the Council and their opinions are willingly followed by the Council.

Our quarterly Bulletin continued to be regularly published; and our financial situation is the same as last year.

DELIO NOBRE SANTOS,

General Secretary.

WALES

Owing to the aftermath of the war affecting economic and other conditions of life, the year under review has been a difficult one, and we have been able to do little more than carry on with the activities already in being, but we hope that the future may bring greater opportunities and accomplishment.

Statistics.—This year six new members have joined the Society, two have rejoined, and four have been transferred to Wales from other National Societies. Five members have "passed on", three have been transferred to other National Societies, seven have resigned, and six have lapsed, leaving 173 members on the register as compared with 182 last year.

National Headquarters.—The work at Headquarters has been carried on as usual, and we have been glad to welcome a few members from other National Societies who have been able to visit us. We look forward to seeing a greater number, when more facilities of travel and accommodation are available.

Cardiff Lodge has continued to hold weekly public meetings in the Besant Hall, and these have been better attended of late, though we still work for much larger audiences for our speakers, to whom we owe much for the unstinted service that they have given. In this connection we especially remember Mr. Bertram A. Tomes, who has "passed on" since the end of the year under review. He always gave such

willing and helpful service, and was a great friend of many members in South Wales. He will be greatly missed throughout the Society. Many meetings for members have been held, these taking various forms—meditation, devotional meetings and study classes.

National Library.—The number of books borrowed during the year was 445 and 44 subscriptions were received—33 from members of the Society, and 11 from non-members. Many of the books were sent by post. Over £3 was received at 2d. per vol. per fortnight, and 17/6d. in donations. 40 books were given to the Library during the year. Cash in hand on June 30th 1947 amounted to £7-12-9d and the cash in Bank as loan to the Society was £45. We record our appreciation and thanks to those who have given us money and books to help build up the Library. Our greatest need at the moment is to have more bookshelves to show the books, but at present no wood is available for this purpose, but we look to the future to supply this need.

Twenty-fifth Annual Convention.—This was held at our Headquarters in Cardiff over the week-end of November 2-3, 1946. Mr. Sidney Ransom was our guest-speaker, and the two public lectures and the talk to members given by him were greatly enjoyed. We were also very glad to have with us the General Secretary of the T. S. in England, Mrs. Groves, and the General

Secretary of the T. S. in Scotland, Mr. Gall. We were sorry that the General Secretary of the T. S. in Ireland, Mrs. Law, was not able to come. At a meeting held on the Sunday afternoon to consider Theosophical work and how the four Societies in the British Isles could co-operate for its benefit, several useful suggestions were made, one being that the four Societies should arrange a joint Conference.

At the Annual Business Meeting it was announced that Miss E. M. Thomas had been re-elected General Secretary, and Alderman R. G. Robinson National Treasurer.

Our National Treasurer, Alderman Robinson, was heartily congratulated on being appointed a Justice of the Peace.

We record our grateful thanks to Mr. Ransom, Mrs. Groves, and Mr. Gall for the help and inspiration they gave to Convention.

General Activities.—During the year Cardiff and Colwyn Bay have been the most active of the Lodges, the members of Wrexham Lodge have met regularly and some meetings have been held at Swansea. The General Secretary visited North Wales and met the Colwyn Bay and Rhyl members. The remaining Lodges and Centres have not been active during and since the war, but it is hoped that work will soon be started again.

Finance.—Detailed accounts of the Section to 30th June 1947, have been circulated to members, and those of the Welsh Theosophical Trust, Ltd. will be available at Convention. During the year a further £123 has been paid under the capital redemption policy which, on maturity, will produce the funds wherewith to repay the loan of £3,300 secured by a mortgage on Headquarters premises.

Repairs and decorations to the premises have cost £154 which, coupled with a decrease in the rents receivable from lettings at Headquarters, has resulted in a deficiency

for the year of £265. This deficiency has fortunately been reduced by £212 in hand on 30th June 1946, leaving a net deficit of £53 to be made good in the current year.

It is clear that immediate consideration needs to be given to ways and means of balancing the Section's budget for future years.

Adyar Appeal and Besant Adyar World Fund.—£61-17-0 has been collected during the year for these two funds. The funds are still open, and we shall be glad to receive further contributions to help our International Headquarters at Adyar.

Annual Elections.—At the annual elections held in June, Miss E. Claudia Owen, M.B.E., B.A., was elected General Secretary, and Alderman R.G. Robinson, J.P., was re-elected National Treasurer, for the year commencing 1st July 1947.

In giving up my work as General Secretary I want to express my appreciation of the loyal way in which the members have supported me in my duties during the past three years. I have felt that the members in Wales have been helping me in my labours by thought, word and deed. In wishing them "goodbye", I want to say that I am sure that the work of promoting Theosophical knowledge throughout Wales will make excellent progress under the leadership of Miss Owen, our new General Secretary, and our future work can safely be left for consideration under her guidance.

Before ending my last Annual Report as General Secretary, I feel I must express my most grateful thanks to our Recorder, Miss Banks, for the wonderful way in which she has helped and supported me during my three years of office. Owing to her expert knowledge of the Section's work, everything has gone smoothly and well.

EDITH M. THOMAS,
General Secretary.

POLAND

No Report

URUGUAY

The number of members at present is 56 regular, three "at large" total 59, a gain of 3. The active Lodges number 5; in addition there is a group of students under the name "Morya", with the purpose of holding public meetings in which can participate orators, intellectual people and artists who are outside the Society but sympathizers with the Theosophical movement.

In the period under review we completed the revision of the Regulations under which our activities are ruled since March 1947. We are arranging a series of lectures in the Ateneo with a regular audience of people from outside the Society.

The principal Theosophical work has been developed naturally through the Lodges, each of which has special characteristics, forming between them all a union which includes all the aspects of our teachings.

Vidya Lodge.—The work of this Lodge is directed to awakening the imagination of its members and visitors. Señor Lavicka, the leader of this Lodge, has in preparation a book *The Fourth Dimension of Consciousness*, which puts forward beautiful Theosophical teachings. They study also the laws of Nature and of Karma.

Karma Marga Lodge.—This Lodge studies in its public meetings *The Bhagavad Gita*, *What is a Theosophical Lodge*, and the *Teachings of the Buddha*. The members of this Lodge believe that the awakening of the human consciousness to the noble destiny of their salvation from suffering is found contained in the message of the Lord Buddha. They are being

strengthened by the formation of a group of Young Theosophists.

Harmonia Lodge.—This Lodge is working on a plan acceptable to its members. They are paying special attention to health. They discussed *Vegetarianism and Occultism* by C. W. Leadbeater, showing the importance of the health of the whole man for students of occultism, and the changes which can be produced in the subtle bodies.

Pallas Atenea Lodge.—This Lodge devotes its attention to the study of comparative religion, illustrated by passages from Christian, Buddhist and Zoroastrian books. They also study social problems and the teachings of Krishnamurti.

Ariel Lodge.—This Lodge considers that their especial part of the Theosophical work is to maintain the atmosphere of mutual sympathy, tolerance and co-operation which is the basis of the formation of a nucleus of universal brotherhood. The groups *Devenir* and *Blavatsky* function within this Lodge. The *Devenir* group publishes the magazine of that name, in which it makes available Theosophical writings which have not been previously translated into Spanish, in a dignified and convenient form. They have just finished translating *The Mahatma Letters*, by A. P. Sinnett, which will be published in Spanish in the United States.

The *Blavatsky* group seeks to carry out meetings of the Lodge in accordance with the earnest request of Madame Blavatsky to Mr. Judge, "Above all maintain unity, be faithful to the Theosophy of the Masters and to Their Name."

All the Lodges hold a weekly meeting in the local hall, the Palacio Dias. The attendance is good, taking into account the unfortunately reduced membership of the Society.

All the Lodges collaborated in celebrating White Lotus Day and, as in other years, a special study of Madame Blavatsky was undertaken during May.

We published a booklet *El Mensaje de la Teosofia*, to give to those who attend the public meetings in the Ateneo.

At the Convention of 1946 it was suggested that we change our place of meeting but this has not yet been done.

On the 31st of May we held a general meeting of all members, as has to be done twice a year in accordance with

the new Regulations. At this meeting it was agreed to make records of short talks lasting about 5 minutes, which could be used on the radio. It was also proposed to hold meetings in the interior of the country.

Idealists as we are, we have many hopes and plans for the future and we believe in the value of idealism and meditation as taught in the Theosophical teachings. Although we are conscious of the obstacles that oppose our work, we wish to take advantage of the opportunity given us in this Convention to make the firm resolve to overcome them.

LUIS SARTHOU,
General Secretary.

PUERTO RICO

The year 1946 was very similar to the previous year. Our Lodges have kept up their work more or less with the same lukewarm enthusiasm, so peculiar to tropical countries, where members have to be shaken up often. Some complain of very poor attendance at their meetings.

We have started a Youth movement, no doubt we do need fresh young blood and energy.

We also started a mimeographed magazine. We revived our HERALDO TEOSOFICO but for lack of funds it has to be mimeographed. May be

with this we shall make a better contact with our members and prospective sympathetic public. The effort was received with applause and we will keep it up and improve it. It has been well received and established fraternal relations with Spanish speaking neighbouring Sections.

Statistics.—

Active Lodges Dec. 31st 1946...	7
Active Members	" ... 74
	Decrease 14.

A. J. PLARD,
General Secretary.

RUMANIA

No Report

YUGOSLAVIA

Greetings from all Yugoslavian Brethren!

Great attention has been paid during the past year to establishing closer links between the Headquarters at Zagreb and the Theosophical Centres throughout the Republics of the Yugoslav Federation which had been dispersed during the War. For this purpose the General Secretary and some other brothers undertook a number of tours and visited all our Centres. These visits were reciprocated by the respective Centres each of which sent one or more members once every three months, if not oftener, on a visit to the Zagreb Headquarters. In this way there has been more activity on the part of the various Centres than before. We have established Plenum Councils which meet at least once every three months at Zagreb. In the past year we had our Plenums on December 15, 1946; March 15, August 3, and September 27, 1947. These Plenums were successful.

Among the noteworthy events of the past year deserving record in the annals of our National Society was the journey of the General Secretary to Switzerland to meet (at Lützelau-Weggis and at Geneva) our beloved President. The General Secretary gratefully remembers the days he spent at Lützelau and Geneva. Such occasions not only draw us closer but result in a joyous experience which we shall now use in our common work—for the GREAT IDEALS of the Society. It fulfilled a great need and it was a great happiness to him to be able to meet our dear President and all the General Secretaries of the European Sections. The whole of this year has been marked by a very encouraging revival of activity.

Public lectures have been held during the year at Zagreb, Beograd, Ljubljana, and Celje. In Zagreb the lectures

were given every Wednesday and the audience averaged 60—85. In Beograd and Ljubljana lectures were given once a month, while in Celje they were given from time to time.

From October 1946 to January 1947 public lectures were given by me on *Theosophy* and *The Theosophical Society* and by Mrs. Ivka Rokovic on *The Principles of Theosophy*. During January to April Mrs. Ivka Rokovic lectured on *Physiology*, while I gave lectures on *The Hidden Powers in Nature and Man, Visible and Invisible*. At all these lectures pictures by an epidiascope were shown. From April to July there was a series of public lectures by various speakers under the title, *The Brotherhood of All Religions*. Perhaps the most interesting public lectures were those given in the Headquarters at Zagreb by Mrs. Ing. Olga Tatic. Her subjects were: *Death, The Significance of the Cross, and The Four Great Truths*.

The various Theosophical anniversaries were celebrated successfully. There was a concert at each celebration.

Summer School.—This summer we held for the first time our open-air Summer School. The Camp which was at Gric-Brezice, thirty-six kilometres from Zagreb, was held in a forest close to the river Krka, and near to the health-resort, Catez. Among the campers were eleven children who had a tent all to themselves. The Golden Chain was revived by Mrs. Olga Kolaric. One hundred and eight members (including the children) attended the Summer School. Mention must be made of Miss Milicia Gradisnik who led the Summer School with great success.

Library.—The Section has 3 Libraries: in Zagreb, in Ljubljana and in Beograd. The Zagreb Library has about 5000 books and about 1000 pamphlets; the Ljubljana Library has about 600

books and the Beograd Library about 200 books. The latter two Libraries were formed during the past year. About 300 books were lost during the War.

Translations of many books have been made and are awaiting time and money to be printed.

Statistics.—The Yugoslav Theosophical Society is now composed of 12 Lodges and 4 Centres. Two Lodges, Blavatsky and Besant, are inactive. Two Lodges and three Centres have been dissolved, while three new Centres were founded.

We have now 291 members. Of these 27 are new admissions, and 12 re-admissions. Nine members have left the Society and one member has been transferred to the Czechoslovakian Section. The present strength comprises 125 men, and 166 women. Of these 123 live in Zagreb and 168 out of Zagreb. The Zagreb membership includes 46 men and 77 women. The other 168 is made up of 78 men and 90 women.

We send you all greetings and good wishes.

A. PILTAVER,
General Secretary.

CEYLON

Presidential Agency

GREECE

During the period of the last twelve months The Theosophical Society in Greece has been working in new offices consisting of one large and nice room where regular meetings of the members of the Lodges of Athens took place, namely Lodges Plato, Orpheus, Light, Nirvana and Socrates.

The subjects of the lectures were taken from Theosophical teachings, Ancient Greek Philosophy, Psychology, Self-knowledge, Krishnamurti's ideas and from new scientific views on the construction of the chemical atoms.

Five public lectures were given in the big room of the Archeological Society of Greece, kindly allowed to us, and were attended by many interested people.

White Lotus Day was commemorated in the offices of the Society, where members brought flowers.

On the centenary of the birthday of Annie Besant a public meeting took place in the Archeological Society's room which was completely full of

people. A special edition of the *Theosophical Bulletin* was circulated and dedicated to Annie Besant, with two photographs of her, extracts from her lectures compiled by the President, Mr. Jinarājadāsa, and a short biography of her. This anniversary was announced by many newspapers.

We are grateful to the Theosophical Society in Europe for their contribution of \$400.00 towards the rent of our offices and our Bulletin expenses. We also send our hearty thanks to the Theosophical Society in Europe for the excellent books forwarded, which have enriched our Library. Special thanks are also hereby sent to the Youth Group, Christchurch, New Zealand, who so kindly forwarded to the Theosophical Society in Greece several packets of foodstuffs and clothing for distribution where needed.

The statistics of our Section show that there are eight active Lodges and 273 active members, a gain of 19.

With fraternal salutations,

K. MELISSAROPOULOS,
General Secretary.

CENTRAL AMERICA

General Secretary.—The undersigned was elected General Secretary on the 12th of May, 1947. The former General Secretary, Miss Lydia Fernández Jiménez, had been in office for the past ten years. She has done very good work, especially on the administrative side, by making the Lodges realize that they form part of a wider organization. Perhaps few members are aware that our Section is not a national but rather an international institution, with Lodges scattered in six different and independent countries of the Central American isthmus, and that our only means of communication is through air mail correspondence.

Administrative Council.—A new Administrative Council was duly appointed and installed. It is composed of the following members: Mr. José B. Acuña, President; Miss Lydia Fernández, Vice-President; Mr. Raúl Contreras, Secretary; Mr. Desiderio Oreamuno, Treasurer; Miss Esther de Mézerville, Supervisor; Mrs. Amalia Sotela, Mr. Manuel María Oreamuno, Mr. Antonio Castro Quesada, Councillors; the Presidents of the Lodges, Ex-officio Members.

The Section is made up of 12 Lodges: Gnosis and Koot Hoomi, in Guatemala; Subirana, in Honduras; Teotl, in El Salvador; Pratibha, Darlu and Krishnamurti, in Nicaragua; Virya, Sirio, and Shakti, in Costa Rica; Luz, in Panamá; Panamá, in Canal Zone. Lodge Eucarás has been revived and transferred from Managua to León, in Nicaragua.

Total membership . . . 169

Dr. Annie Besant's Centenary.—The Centenary was celebrated with a good attendance.

Convention.—The First Convention of the Central American Section took place during Dr. Besant's Centenary Celebrations. The following Delegates were present: Esther de Mézerville for Lodge Gnosis of Guatemala; Lydia Fernández for Lodge Koot Hoomi of Guatemala; Gonzalo Moreira for Lodge Teotl of El Salvador; Héctor P. Bejarano for Lodge Pratibha of Nicaragua; Berta de Herdocia for Lodge Krishnamurti of Nicaragua; Lola de Maya for Lodge Luz of Panamá; José J. Ulloa for Lodge Virya of Costa Rica; Armando Calzada for Lodge Shakti of Costa Rica.

Resolutions.—The most important Resolutions passed during Convention were:

(a) To send a cable to Mr. Jinarāja-dāsa reading: "CONVENCION TEOSOFICA CENTROAMERICANA SALUDALO."

(b) To issue a mimeographed magazine called BOLETIN TEOSOFICO CENTROAMERICANO, expenses of which will be paid at the rate of \$2.50 per country. The first number is already out.

(c) To appoint touring lecturers to cover the Central American countries on Theosophical propaganda. A special fund should be created for this purpose called "Fondo Annie Besant".

(d) To celebrate our next Convention in Nicaragua.

JOSE B. ACUÑA,
General Secretary.

PARAGUAY

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Lodges	...	11
Members	...	160

PHILIPPINES

Introductory.—The Philippines, although sectionalized in 1933, can look as far back as 1880 to what may be called its first contact with the Theosophical Society. In that year a member of the General Council of the Society, Dr. David E. Dudley, was residing in Manila and receiving regularly copies of *The Theosophist*, thus early linking the capital of the Islands with the world's great spiritual Centre, Adyar.

We find no record of visible Theosophical activity in the country until 1911 when what was called "The Oriental Theosophical Society" filed incorporation papers with the Government in Manila. This Society was, however, short-lived, and had no official connection with the Theosophical Society at Adyar.

In 1925 the American Section chartered two branches in the Philippines, the Manila Lodge in Luzon and the Cebu Lodge in the Visayas. Eight years later eleven Lodges, mostly located in Manila, asked independence from their American mother Section and formed themselves into a separate Section, which was duly chartered from Adyar.

The Theosophical Society in the Philippines is now fourteen years old, more than three years of which were passed under enemy occupation during World War II, when what little Theosophical activity could be undertaken was done underground. Several F.T.S. were tortured by the Japanese; some were executed.

First Post-War Convention.—Soon after the liberation of the Islands, the members began to return to their

respective Lodges, and in the first post-war Convention held in Manila on February 24, 1946, eight reorganized Lodges, and one newly organized, reported with a total membership of 161 active members. This Convention was high-lighted with the announcement (received from the American Section) of the election of Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa as International President and the selection of Mr. Sidney A. Cook as Vice-President, which was received with a prolonged ovation. The present Board of Trustees of the Section was elected during this Convention.

National Headquarters Building.—The new Board of Trustees took immediate steps to accept and legalize the donation to the Section made by the Martinez family, of a piece of land located at the outskirts of Manila and at the entrance of Quezon City. The donation included a new Quonset-Hut, 20'X40', which we remodelled and erected into a two-storey building for our headquarters. The whole donation is estimated to have a market value of P10,000.00. The Section undertook the construction at a cost of more than P10,000.00, P8,000.00 of which was borrowed from a local bank, and which the members, under written pledges of varying amounts, are amortizing monthly.

National Section Library.—Most of our books were lost during the enemy occupation. Realizing its importance, the members lost no time soon after liberation in contributing what money they could to buy new books and reorganize our Section Library. With

this purchase from the American Theosophical Press and the generous contributions of new and used books by our American brothers, we now possess a modest library of more than 700 volumes. A standing library committee under the chairmanship of the National Librarian is in charge, and is working to enlarge the scope of this important service. Circulation is open to members and the public.

The Philippine Theosophical Institute.—This educational activity of the Section includes a regular elementary school under Government permit, having at this time more than 100 children enrolled in the various grades from kindergarten to the sixth grade. Our plan is to have the teaching staff drawn from the T.S., and we expect this school, now only three months old, to grow, both in the number of pupils and in the scope of its service.

The Institute gives regular weekly classes in Theosophy, open to members and non-members alike. The classes have just started and are well attended. Our National Vice-President, Prof. Benito F. Reyes of the Philosophy Department of the Far Eastern University is in charge.

Both the elementary school grades and the classes in Theosophy are held in the National Headquarters.

The Lotus.—The publication of this official organ of our National Section was suspended at the outbreak of the Pacific war. Since the reorganization of the Section we have been waiting to resume publication. Materials for various numbers, including those for a special education number designed for wide distribution among public school teachers and other local educators, are ready; but we have to hold it for a little time yet due to the prevailing high printing cost and since

the Section has just incurred heavy expenses.

Membership.—1947: Active Lodges, 10; Active Members, 186—a gain of 25.

Youth Movement.—The Young Theosophists, composed mostly of the children of T. S. members, hold regular monthly meetings. They take active part in the activities of the Section, and publish *The Philippine Theosophical Youth Digest* in mimeograph form.

Inter-Lodge Meetings.—Aside from the regular weekly meetings of the Lodges, monthly inter-Lodge meetings and programmes are held to promote closer relations among the members and with the public.

Publicity.—More than 3,000 copies of Theosophical publicity pamphlets have so far been distributed to the public during public lectures and inter-Lodge programmes. These pamphlets are being translated into Tagalog, the national language, and into Spanish. Several translations are now ready for printing; the Tagalog translations are designed for wide distribution among the masses.

Conclusion.—On July 4, 1946, the Philippines was given political independence by the United States of America. A reshaping of the national life of our people is being attempted in its many phases. We are particularly interested in the re-orientation of national education into which our Section is trying to inject the Theosophical educational concepts. It is generally felt here that this country, because of its peculiar history and culture and geographical position, is a link between the East and West, and is therefore a wonderful field for Theosophy.

DOMINGO C. ARGENTE,
General Secretary.

COLOMBIA

During this year the General Secretary has had to be absent from the Capital for some time, and the work has suffered somewhat. The superstition and religious fanaticism reigning in this country are the greatest obstacles to the development of our Society. We have suffered from the hostility of the Roman Catholic Clergy and of the Rosacruz Society.

Notwithstanding these difficulties we have been able to begin certain subsidiary movements, the Liberal Catholic Church, Co-Freemasonry and the Order of the Round Table.

During the war we experienced

economic difficulties and many members were unable to pay their dues. In spite of this, and in reponse to the call which we have just received from our President, Mr. Jinarājādāsa, we have raised the sum of \$150 for the needs of Adyar and for the celebration of the Besant Centenary.

Statistics.—

Active Lodges 1947	... 16
Active members "	... 253

RAMON MARTINEZ,

General Secretary.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA

Active Lodges	... 7
Active Members	... 99

PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES AND NON-SECTIONALIZED LODGES

EGYPT

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CEYLON

The year under report has been very eventful from many standpoints. The most important was the inaugural meeting held on the 13th September 1946 at Pedris Villa, Kollupitiya, Colombo, when the *Lanka Lodge* was formed. We had the pleasure of Mr N. Sri Ram, former International Vice-President of the Theosophical Society, amongst us. During his short stay he delivered several interesting public lectures.

The following office-bearers were elected at the subsequent meeting.

President : Mr. N. K. Choksy, K. C.

Secretary : Mr. J. Manawadu.

Treasurer : Mr. S. N. Kadirgamar.

Later Mr. N. K. Choksy was appointed Presidential Agent for Ceylon. As Mr. Manawadu had to resign the Secretaryship, owing to his transfer from Colombo, Mr. T. G. Jayawardena was elected in January 1947.

During the year Ceylon has marched considerably towards her goal of Freedom. A new Government, to function under the new Constitution, has been formed out of members of Parliament who have just been elected. In this new era, opening out before us, we Theosophists will have to play an active part, for it is now that the Light of

Theosophy must be brought to bear upon the problems of Ceylon's Reconstruction, which must be linked with a new era of Spiritual Reconstruction as its basis.

Membership.—The number of members on the Roll, as at 30th September 1947, is 26.

General Activities.—During the year, regular Lodge meetings were held fortnightly. To Mr. and Mrs. D. L. F. Pedris, we are greatly indebted for allowing us to meet at their residence, in very appropriate surroundings.

In August this year we had the pleasure of a visit from Miss E. W. Preston, M. Sc., who gave a series of public lectures, which were well attended. The Lodge is also indebted to her for inspiring its members with the Spirit of Theosophy and pledging them to work for the Lodge during the ensuing year with greater earnestness.

On 23rd August 1947, at an impressive special meeting of the members, Miss Preston handed to the President of the Lodge, on its behalf, the Charter issued by the International President. The following Sub-Committees have been appointed and work is progressing : (1) House Committee,

(2) Library Committee. (3) Book-Stall Committee. (4) Publicity Committee.

Finance.—Our financial standing is increasing steadily. We have a credit balance of Rs. 115.

Future Work. The world needs creative work along Theosophical lines more than anything else. I appeal to members individually to do everything possible to spread Theosophical teachings and principles and so help to build a new and better world.

The Committee records with appreciation and gratitude the co-operation the Lodge has received from every member during this year. It is this greater co-operation that has helped us to progress so steadily.

The Lodge conveys its fraternal greetings to the International President and to all Sections throughout the world.

N. K. CHOKSY,
Presidential Agent.

PARAGUAY

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CANADIAN FEDERATION

Hermes Lodge, Vancouver, B. C.—Hermes Lodge has just completed an interesting season of activities. Public lectures have been held on the first and third Sunday evenings in the month, and on alternate Sunday evenings a social evening with questions and discussion on the previous week's lecture. Mr. Charles Berst of Seattle, and Mrs. Edith Chesman of Victoria, B. C. were visiting lecturers as well as Mr. Fritz Kunz who opened the season for us. Many interesting lectures were also given by our members; members' meetings and social evenings were also held and an annual dinner to commemorate the founding of the Society. Hermes Lodge, as well as other Lodges in the Federation, continued to send parcels of food, clothing and books to Europe. A Group of the Mystic Star has been formed recently. Attendance is good and members enthusiastic.

Trinity Lodge, Calgary.—Members meetings have been held all through the year at the home of the President, Mrs. B. H. Bennett.

Krishna Lodge, Calgary.—Public meetings were held every Tuesday evening. Mr. Willmott presided at these meetings. A meeting of the Round Table was held every Sunday and a study class once a month, at the Palliser Hotel.

Moose Jaw Lodge, Moose Jaw.—The Moose Jaw Lodge is now in its fifth year, with a membership of nine. The numbers are small but enthusiasm is unabated.

Wayfarers' Lodge, Winnipeg.—Wayfarers' Lodge reports that members meetings during the past season were well attended. The Sunday afternoon lectures were continued as in other seasons. On the last Sunday in each month a musical programme was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

North Vancouver Lodge, B. C.—Members continue to meet and study at the home of the President, Mrs. Baxter. An open study group is conducted once a week and propaganda pamphlets distributed.

Victoria Group.—The Brotherhood Group now wishes to be known as

Victoria Group. Members meet once a week in the home of Mrs. Chesman. The Group really hopes, in the not too

distant future, to be able to function again as a Lodge, and are earnestly working and saving for this purpose.

Statistics.—

Active Lodges	1947	...	6
„ Centres	„	...	1
Active Members	1947	...	144
Decrease	1.		

ELSIE S. GRIFFITHS,
Secretary.

THE SINGAPORE LODGE

Office Bearers.—

<i>President :</i>	Mr. N. Clumeck
<i>Vice-President :</i>	Mr. Heng Seng Chiang
<i>Secretary :</i>	Mr. V. Raja Gopal
<i>Treasurer :</i>	Mr. Chan Chim Lim
<i>Librarian :</i>	Mr. Peter Seng Lye Tee

In accordance with Rule 6, the Committee co-opted Mrs. H. Moorhead and Mrs. Laura Seng to be in charge of Activities and Household Sections respectively. During the year Mrs. Moorhead resigned owing to departure from the Colony and Mr. Sten Von Krusenstierna was elected to fill the vacancy. In September Mr. Krusenstierna left the Colony and the vacancy has not yet been filled.

Membership.—The number of members on the roll is 71 as against 77 in 1946.

Finance.—The Accounts show an excess of expenditure over income by \$ 63.66.

Meetings.—On an average, public lectures were held twice a month. The response was good, the average attendance at these meetings being 15. Question and Answer meetings were held on alternate weeks, the average attendance at these meetings being 8. Members' meetings were held regularly but the response from members was poor, the average attendance being 5.

Visitors.—The notable visitors during the period were Dr. Haden Guest and Ven. Bhikku Loganatha.

In conclusion, the Committee wishes to thank all members and friends who have helped the Lodge's activities during the period under review.

V. RAJA GOPAL,
Secretary.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN EUROPE

This year has marked the end of the post-war period and the opening of a new chapter in our Theosophical work. The outstanding features of the last twelve months have been as follows:

(1) The President's extensive tour between May and August to England, Ireland, the Scandinavian Sections,

Holland, France, Switzerland, Italy and Belgium, greatly stimulating the work in these countries.

(2) The Round Table Conference at Lützelau-Weggis (July 4-12) at which 19 Sections were represented, definitely re-establishing both the links between the European Sections and the President

at Adyar, and between themselves, thus practically ending the period of isolation that prevailed since 1940 on the Continent and beginning a new phase in its history.

(3) The Worker's Week in Geneva (July 12-21), also presided over by Mr. Jinarājadāsa and attended by over 150 members, opened up fresh vistas of work suitable to the present world situation and pointed to the essential truths that need specially to be stressed in this critical period of transition. The new methods advocated at Lützelau were successfully demonstrated and the whole work carried to a higher level.

Problems of organization were fully discussed with the President at the Round Table Conference.

The policy of the Theosophical Society in Europe remains the same, *i.e.*, to strengthen the Sections and give assistance wherever possible and desired. The Federation will continue to bring the European Sections closer together, encouraging regional work and stressing the essential unity of all with Adyar.

A European Congress or a Worker's Week will be held each year and in order to emphasize the international aspect of the gatherings, the Worker's Weeks in future will be held under the auspices of the Federation.

The Headquarters of the European Federation remains at Eindhoven, part of the office work being done from Huizen.

The London Office continues and its usefulness will increase with the development of the work for Germany that can best be done from England.

The question of Publications was carefully considered. THEOSOPHY IN ACTION and ACTION THEOSOPHIQUE continue, the latter as a quarterly journal. The Austrian Revue *Adyar* becomes momentarily the Federation paper for the German speaking countries and will serve a useful purpose.

Lecture Tours.—Since the last report (October 1946) Rukmini Devi

ended her European tour and visited France, Belgium, Switzerland and Italy before returning to India in December 1946.

Mr. Sri Ram arrived from India in August 1947 and after a short stay in London came over to Holland and remained ten days at Huizen, giving much appreciated lectures and talks to both public and members. He also visited Brussels and Paris in September, meeting the members and making personal contacts.

The General Secretary, Mr. J. E. Van Dissel, attended the English and Irish Conventions in May. He accompanied Mr. Sri Ram to Brussels and stayed a few days in Paris in September to meet the Vice-President.

The necessity of sending lecturers to Germany was stressed at the Round Table Conference and in August, Mr. and Mrs. Kruisheer visited Lodges in the British Zone (Hamburg, Düsseldorf, Hanover), thus establishing a much needed contact with the Section.

A Summer School at Gammel Praestegaard in July, a Worker's Week in Huizen Centre in August, one in Norway and one in England at High Leigh, strengthened the work in those parts of Europe.

The *War Distress Relief* has continued throughout the year its splendid work and a fuller co-ordination was arrived at during the Round Table Conference to ensure the best possible results.

Finances.—In spite of the difficulties of money transfer and thanks to the Rehabilitation Fund, most of the European Sections were able to be represented at the Round Table Conference. This Fund is now gradually coming to an end and the Federation must consequently be able to stand on its own feet.

Total membership : 12,400.

J. E. VAN DISSEL,
General Secretary.

WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS

During the International Convention held at Adyar in 1946 an informal meeting of Young Theosophists was held under the Chairmanship of Srimati Rukmini Devi, President of the World Federation of Young Theosophists. After discussion regarding the revival of the Federation, which had been dormant for a number of years because of the war conditions, Srimati Rukmini Devi nominated a temporary committee to carry out the work of the World Federation.

Early in the year a letter was sent to all Sections telling them of the attempt to revive the work of the World Federation and a special letter from Srimati Rukmini Devi was enclosed. As a result of this, many encouraging responses were received from overseas Sections and once more the Federation began its activity as an organization. Gradually the correspondence increased and news was received of the work that Young Theosophists were doing all over the world. As a result of the first year's effort it has become apparent that the work of the World Federation is not to make a separative organization but to be a link of liaison in every country. The World Federation is a body working within and for the Theosophical Society. Adyar being the International Headquarters, it is fitting that members there should receive and distribute news and ideas about the work that Young Theosophists are doing or can do for their own Lodges and Sections and the Society as a whole, thus bringing them together on a basis of mutual interest. Some Sections do not have a separate Young Theosophists' movement and in such cases we have asked that they appoint a youth Secretary or a young member to write regularly to Adyar giving news of members, suggestions for work, articles of interest and other

material that may be passed on for the benefit of all.

Reports on the work done in the Sections for the year ended 30th September have been invited and the following Sections have sent us a summary :

India	New Zealand
Sweden	Mexico
Australia	Cuba
Hungary	Finland
Ireland	United States
	of America
European Federation (including Belgium, Denmark, England, France, Holland, Switzerland, Wales.)	

In addition to the above we have also had news of Young Theosophists in the following countries :

Philippines Germany

Previously the Federation was working under a Constitution, which under the present conditions has ceased to be workable. It is proposed to present to the Annual Convention to be held in December 1947, a simple Constitution, which, if it is acceptable, may be adopted provisionally for one year, after which, in the light of experience, it will be put to the 1948 Convention for adoption with any amendments necessary.

The result of the year's working show that the effort to revive the Federation has been worth while and we look forward to 1948 as a year of greater activity and support, and successful and fruitful work. We appeal to all General Secretaries, Secretaries of Youth Groups and members interested in the work of Young Theosophists to help promote and support this movement for the benefit of Young

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THE ADYAR LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1946-1947

I

During the year under report I have continued as Director with Mr. A. J. Hamerster as Joint Director and Curator Western Section and Prof. C. Kunhan Raja, M.A., D. Phil (Oxon.), as Curator for the Eastern Section. Mrs. A. H. Peterson continued as Librarian.

Special Editors.—Dr. Adikaram completed the work of cataloguing the Pali Manuscripts in Sinhalese script, in 1945-6. The work was taken up for printing this year and published in instalments through the *Bulletin* of the Library. Through the same medium appear the results of the research work done by Pandit N. Aiyaswami Sastri. Portions of the *S'ālistambasūtra* continue to be published through the *Bulletin*. The remaining portion of the *Saṅgitaratnākara* which is pending publication as edited by the late Pandit S. Subrahmanya Sastri was not resumed on account of extreme pressure of work in our press. Other works similarly held up and enumerated in the last report as such are still pending; and they will be taken for printing as soon as the pressure is relieved.

One of our Honorary Editors Sri Rao Bahadur C. R. Krishnamacharlu passed away on 31-8-47 and his demise was noticed in the *Bulletin*, Vol. XI, part 3, p. 204.

II

Eastern Section.—Pandit V. Krishnamacharya was mainly engaged in completing the *Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts*, Vol. VI and

passing the work through the press. The *Spṛṣṭavāda* of Nāgesa was also re-edited and completed with his own commentary. *Unamattarāghava* was also completed by him. The *Samkalpasūryodaya* with two commentaries were prepared for the Press and printing started. A tabular statement of his work for the triennium ending with 30-9-47 is given under *Annexure 1*.

Mr. H. G. Narahari was engaged in the preparation of the *Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts* for the Kāvya Section. He has examined and described 270 manuscripts during the period as against 106 for the previous year. He also edited the *Dharmacauryarasāyana* which has been published as a pamphlet. A statement of his work for the triennium ending with 30-9-47 is shown under *Annexure 2*.

Pandit V. Narayanaswami Sastri continued to be in charge of the section for transcription, comparison and restoration of Manuscripts for the Library. He has been mainly engaged in familiarizing himself with the various scripts of manuscripts in the Library and restoring for the Library manuscripts in scripts not current in South India such as Bengali, Oriya etc. A tabular statement of his work for the triennium ending with 30-9-47 is given under *Annexure 3*.

Pandit K. Ramachandra Sarma has been mainly engaged in assisting Pandit V. Krishnamacharya in the preparation and completion of the *Descriptive Catalogue of Manuscripts* and other works. He has also been assisting Sri Narahari for the Kāvya section

Catalogue. The corresponding statement of his work for the same period ending with 30-9-47 is printed under *Annexure 4*.

Pandit N. Ramachandra Bhat has continued to copy manuscripts for the Library and to satisfy outside orders and also to assist Pandit Naryanaswami Sastri in comparison work of the manuscripts so transcribed. He has further assisted Mr. Krishna Aiyangar in the examination of manuscripts for the preparation of the *Descriptive Catalogue* for the Dharmasāstra section. A tabular statement of his work for the corresponding period ending with 30-9-47 is contained under *Annexure 5*.

III

Publications :

A. NEW WORKS COMPLETED AND ISSUED DURING THE YEAR ENDING WITH 30TH SEPTEMBER 1947

(a) Adyar Library Series Nos. 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60 and 61 :

55. *Sphoṭavāda of Nāgasa*—Edited by Pandit V. Krishnamacharya with his own Commentary.

56. *The Cradle of Indian History*—by C. R. Krishnamacharlu.

57. *Unmattarāghava of Virūpākṣa*—Edited by Pandit V. Krishnamacharya.

58. *Origin and Spread of the Tamils* (Sankara-Parvati Lectures, 1940, University of Madras) by V. R. Ramachandra Dikshitar.

59. *Jivānandanam of Ānandarāya-makhin*—Edited by Vaidyaratna Pandit M. Duraiswami Aiyangar with his own Commentary.

60. *A Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit MSS.* in the Adyar Library, by Pandit V. Krishnamacharya, Vol. VI—Grammar, Prosody and Lexicography.

61. *Rgvedavyākhyā* of Mādhava, Vol. II, Edited by Dr. C. Kunhan Raja,

(b) Pamphlets :

Dharmacauryarasāyana—Edited by H. G. Narahari, (Reprinted from the Adyar Library Bulletin, October and December 1946).

(c) Adyar Library Bulletin, Vol. X, part 4 and Vol. XI, parts 1, 2 and 3.

B. NEW WORKS COMPLETED AND ISSUED BETWEEN 1ST OCTOBER 1947 AND THE DATE OF THIS REPORT

A Descriptive Catalogue of Pali Manuscripts in the Adyar Library by Dr. E. W. Adikaram.

Haricarita of Paramesvara.—Edited by Pandit V. Krishnamacharya with his own Commentary.

C. WORKS IN PROGRESS THROUGH THE PRESS

Caturdasalakṣaṇī of Gadādhara with three commentaries. Vol. II, by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

Āpastambasṃṛti—Edited by A. N. Krishna Aiyangar.

Samgītaratnākara—With the Commentaries of Catura Kallinātha and Simhabhūpāla—Edited by Pandit S. Subrahmanya Sastri, Vol. III.

Horāsāstra—With the commentary Apūrvārthapradarsikā by A. N. Srinivasaraghava Aiyangar.

Sālistambhasūtra—Restored from Tibetan and Chinese Sources—by Pandit N. Aiyaswami Sastri.

Samgītaratnākara, English Translation—Vol. II, by Prof. C. Kunhan Raja.

Samkalpasūryodaya of S'ri Venkṛtānātha with the commentaries Prabhāvilāsa and Prabhāvalī. Edited by Pandit V. Krishnamacharya.

Haricarita of Paramesvara—Edited by Pandit V. Krishnamacharya with his own Commentary.

D. WORKS COMPLETED AND READY FOR THE PRESS

Āsvalāyagrhyasūtra with the Commentaries of Devasvāmin and Nārāyaṇa, Vol. II. Edited by Svami Ravi Tirtha.

Nyāykusumāñjali of Udayana with the Commentary of Varadarāja. Edited by Prof. C. Kunhan Raja.

Caturdaśalakṣaṇī of Gadādhara with Commentaries. Edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar, Vol. III.

Pakṣatā of Gadādhara with Commentaries by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

Siddhāntalakṣaṇam of Gadādhara— with Commentaries. Edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

Avayava of Gadādhara with Commentaries by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

Sāmānyanirukti of Gadādhara with Commentaries. Edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

Vyūtpattivāda of Gadādhara with Commentaries. Edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

A Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts in the Adyar Library, by H. G. Narahari. Vol. V—Poetry, Drama and Poetics.

Saiva and Śākta Upaniṣads—Translated into English by T. R. Srinivasa Aiyangar and G. Srinivasa Murthi.

Ten Major Upaniṣads—English Translation by T. R. Srinivasa Aiyangar and G. Srinivasa Murthi.

E. WORKS UNDER PREPARATION

Samgītaratnākara—Translated into English, Vol. 2 by Prof. C. Kunhan Raja.

Gautamasmṛti—Edited by A. N. Krishna Aiyangar.

Nyāyakusumāñjali of Udayanācārya with the Commentary of Varadarāja—Edited by Prof. C. Kunhan Raja.

Viṣṇusmṛti with the Commentary *Vaijayanti* of Nanda Pandita—Edited by Prof. K. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar and A. N. Krishna Aiyangar.

Kālādarsa of Aditya Bhaṭṭa—Edited by Prof. K. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar and A. N. Krishna Aiyangar.

F. NEW WORK INCLUDED IN THE SERIES

Dayāsataka of Venkaṭanātha with English Translation and Notes by V. V. Srinivasa Aiyangar.

IV

Books and Manuscripts.—The total number of volumes added during the year is 354. Of these 30 were purchased, 291 donated and the rest received in exchange. Of the 84 pamphlets added, 16 were purchased and 68 donated. Nineteen manuscripts in palm-leaf were also purchased and 30 transcripts added to the Library. A full list of manuscripts added is printed under *Annexure 7*. Publishing a full list of all the additions is deferred for the present as in earlier years. But a full list of the Donors is shown under *Annexure 8*.

V

Use of the Library.—There were 18,288 visitors for the year. Books and Manuscripts borrowed were 3,504 and consulted 11,432. The figures for the same items for the previous year were 14,087 visitors, 3,857 Books and Manuscripts borrowed and 9,879 consulted.

VI

Exchanges.—I am thankful to the various institutions, journals, universities and other learned bodies that continue their exchange relationship

with our Library. It is gratifying to note that suspended literary journals have—some of them at least—resumed publication.

VII

Donations.—Two donations each for Rs. 1000/- were received from the late Mr. H. Frei during the year for the Library. One of them was credited to the Endowment Fund and the second was constituted as the nucleus of a new fund known as the *Diamond Jubilee Publications Fund* for the Library. A sum of Rs. 286 was received from the estate of the late Miss E. A. de la Cherois Crommelin bringing the total receipts from the estate to Rs. 8058-8-2. A further donation from the estate of the late Miss K. Browning for Rs. 10,202-12-0 has also been received and credited to the Diamond Jubilee Publication Fund. To the memory of these donors, we tender our most grateful thanks.

VIII

Diamond Jubilee.—Arrangements for the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee as part of the Besant Centenary Celebrations were made during the year and invitations issued to the various institutions, and scholars inviting them to take part in the function. A 'Pandita Parishad' was also organized as part of an All India Sanskrit Conference for the promotion of Sanskrit learning literature and culture in India and abroad. The October issue of the *Bulletin* for 1947 was issued as the *Besant Centenary Number*. A special supplement for the Diamond Jubilee

was also arranged for. Among the publications brought out on that occasion No. 60 of the Adyar Library Series was designated as the *Diamond Jubilee Volume* and No. 61 as the *Besant Centenary Volume*.

We are thankful to our President Sri C. Jinarājādāsa for his munificent donation to the Library for meeting the expenses of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

IX

We learnt with great regret the passing away in Switzerland on 31st October 1947 of Mr. Henri Frei, a regular benefactor to the Library. An Obituary Note was published in the *Adyar Library Bulletin*, Vol. XI, part 4, p. 280.

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Acknowledgments.—It now remains for me to record my most grateful thanks to all my colleagues. I am particularly grateful to Prof. C. Kunhan Raja, M.A., D. Phil. (Oxon.), Curator, Adyar Library, Mrs. A. H. Peterson, Librarian, and others who have helped the Librarian in an honorary capacity in cataloguing books. I also record my most grateful thanks to all our Honorary Editors: Dr. E. W. Adikaram, Prof. K. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar, Pandit N. Aiyaswami Sastri, Pandit Vaidyaratna Duraiswami Aiyangar and Sri A. N. Srinivasaraghava Aiyangar for the services they continue to render to the Library. I tender my most grateful thanks to the institutions and Governments which continue to send their publications to the Library.

G. SRINIVASA MURTI,

Hony. Director.

STATISTICAL ABSTRACTS

ANNEXURE I

PANDIT V. KRISHNAMACHARYA

	1944-1945	1945-1946	1946-1947
Descriptive Catalogue—			
MSS. Examined ...	2000*	750*	750*
Descriptive Catalogue—Slips prepared and revised ...	450*	500*	120*
Literary Contributions ...	2	4	4
Correction of proofs for books edited in the Library Series ...	304*	...	800*
Press copy—pp. prepared ...	...	60*	450*

ANNEXURE II

H. G. NARAHARI

Literary Contributions ...	On other duty being awarded a Fellowship in the Sanskrit Dept. of the Madras University	4	5
Reviews to Library Bulletin ...	...	1	1
Manuscripts described for the Descriptive Catalogue ...	5	106	270
Publication brought out ...	...	...	1

ANNEXURE III

V. NARAYANASWAMI SASTRI

Granthas copied ...	11,850	11,600	9,247
Do. Compared ...	47,380	60,510	63,149
Estimates for charges for Transcription. No. of Granthas ...	50,525	23,200	33,272
Stock taken for the Library No. of MSS. ...	...	...	14,798

ANNEXURE IV

K. RAMACHANDRA SARMA

No. of Manuscripts Examined for Cataloguing Work ...	2000†	500†	1000†
Proof corrected—pp. ...	184†	320†	800†

* Indicates assistance rendered by Pandit K. Ramachandra Sarma to Pandit V. Krishnamacharya.

† Indicates assistance rendered to Pandit V. Krishnamacharya.

	1944-1945	1945-1946	1946-1947
Assisted in the preparation of			
Descriptive Slips ...	450*	...	...
Press copy prepared for works			
edited and matter for Descriptive Catalogue etc. ...	...	110*	950*
MSS. examined for Miscellaneous			
Information and Office Correspondence ...	75	150	450

ANNEXURE V

N. RAMACHANDRA BHAT

Granthas copied ...	13,146	19,279	29,898
Do. Compared ...	50,834	1,17,091†	1,02,163†
Assisted in the Examination of			
Descriptive Catalogue Work			
—for Dharmasāstra—No. of			
MSS. examined ...	...	52†	152†

ANNEXURE VI

A. N. KRISHNA AIYANGAR

No. of MSS. Examined for Descriptive Catalogue Work ...	...	52†	152†
No. of Granthas compared ...	...	51,000†	55,000†

ANNEXURE VII

LIST OF MSS. REGISTERED

Palmleaf

	Date of Accession	Serial No.	Shelf No.	Title of the Work
1.	9-6-1947	75858	34. L. 1	Horāsāstra with Vivaraṇa.
2.	"	75859	2 ¹ }	Sūryasiddhānta with the commentary
3.	"	75860	2 ² }	Kāmadogdhri.
4.	"	75861	3	Āryabhaṭīyavyākhyā.
5.	"	75862	4	Sūryasiddhāntavyākhyā-Kalpavalli.
6.	"	75863	5	Āryabhaṭīya with Tamil commentary.
7.	"	75864	6	Grahasphuṭam.
8.	"	75865	7	"
9.	"	75866	8	Pañcāṅga gaṇita grantha
10.	"	75867	9	Pañcāṅga dipam.
11.	"	75868	10	S'ripatipaddhati-Vyākhyā (Jātakālam-kāra).
12.	"	75869	11	Gaṇakānanda.
13.	"	75870	12	Karaṇapaddhati.
				" with Tamil commentary.
				Kuṭṭakāras'irōmaṇi.
				" with Tamil commentary.

* Indicates assistance rendered to Pandit V. Krishnamacharya.

† Assisted Mr. A. N. Krishna Aiyangar and Pandit V. Narayanaswami Sastri.

‡ Received assistance from Pandit N. Ramachandara Bhat.

	Date of Accession	Serial No.	Shelf No.	Title of the Work
14.	9-6-1947	75871	13	Sūryasiddhāntasaṃgraha.
15.	"	75872	14	Jyotiṣagrantha.
16.	"	75873	15	Pañcāṅgagaṇanam.
17.	"	75874	16	Sāmasaṅgraha.
18.	"	75875	17	Pañcāṅgagaṇanam.
19.	"	75876	18	"

TRANSCRIPTS AND PAPER MANUSCRIPTS

			H. 84. S:	
1.	8-2-1947	64879	Vir. 1. Sha. I	Sāhityacintāmaṇi.
			H. 84. S:	
2.	"	64880	Nrs. 1. Das. 1	Daśarūpāvaloka Laghutikā.
			H. 27. S:	
3.		64881	Dev. 1. Sas. 1	Sastradīpikā-vyākhyā- Prabhāvali.
			H. 21. S:	
4.		64882	Ram. 1. Tar. I	Tarkabhāṣāvyākhyā.
			H. 1. 3. S:	
5.		64883	Sobh. 1. Ara. 1	Sāmavedāraṇyakavivaraṇa.
			H. 15. S:	
6.		64884	Gan. 1. Any 1	1. Anyāpadeśa-S'ataka. 2. Sarasvatyaṣṭaka. 3. Turagaś'ataka.
			H. 43. S:	
7.	"	64885	Par. 1. Nay. 1	Nayadyumaṇisaṅgraha.
			C. 5. 1. 1	
8.	"	64886	S: S: 9	Amarakhaṇḍana.
			C. 5. 1. 1	
9.	"	64887	S: S: 10	Liṅganirṇaya.
			C. 5. 1. 1	
10.	"	64888	S: S: 11	Nāmasaṅgrahamālā.
			H. 10. P. S:	
11.	"	64889	Bra. 1	Brahmāṇḍapurāṇa.
			H. 70. S:	
12.	"	64890	Gay. 1	Gāyatrī-yantranirūpaṇa.
			42. C. 1. 1	
13.	9-6-1947	64891	" 1. 2	Bhāgavata (with Dipikā).
14.	"	64892	" 1. 3	"
15.	"	64893	" 1. 4	"
16.	"	64894	" 1. 5	"
17.	"	64895	" 1. 5	"

Date of Accession	Serial No.	Shelf No.	Title of the Work
18. 9-6-1947	64896	" 1. 6	Bhāgavata (with Dipikā).
19. "	64897	" 1. 8	"
20. "	64898	" 1. 9	"
21. "	64899	" 1. 10. 1	"
22. "	64900	" 1. 10. 2	"
23. "	64901	42. C. 2	(Vedatāijasa) Vyāsaśikṣāvyaṅkyā.
24. "	64902	42. C. 3	Mahā-bhārata (Udyoga Parva).
25. "	64903	42. C. 4	" (Sauptika Parva).
26. "	64904	42. C. 5	Abhinavakāśikā.
27. "	64905	42. C. 6	Tatvacintāmaṇididhiti.
28. "	64906	42. C. 7	Mahā-bhārata (Mokṣadharmā).
29. "	64907	42. C. 8	"
30. "	64908	42. C. 9	Vyutpattivāda.

ANNEXURE VIII

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MEMORANDUM
OF
ASSOCIATION, ETC.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

No. 2 of 1905.

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act XXI of 1860 of the Governor-General of India in Council entitled "An Act for the Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies, 1860," that The Theosophical Society is duly incorporated as a Society under the aforesaid Act.



(Sd.) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Station, Madras,
Dated 3rd April 1905.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875. INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905.

*In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy
and Governor-General of India in Council, being
an Act for the registration of literary,
scientific and charitable Societies*

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are :

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy, and Science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire

or by gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(c) The sale, improvement, management and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council which is the governing body of the Society, are as follow :

GENERAL COUNCIL

Ex-Officio

President-Founder :—H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.

Vice-President :—A. P. Sinnett, London, England, Author.

Recording-Secretary :—Hon. Sir S. Subramania Aiyar, Madras, Justice of the High Court.

Treasurer :—W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.

Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 7, West 8th St., New York.

Upendra Nath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Section, Benares, U.P.

Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albemarle St., London, W.

W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W.

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W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.

Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary, French Section, 59, Avenue de La Bourdonnais, Paris.

Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380, Corso Umberto I., Rome.

Dr. Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary, German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.

Jose M. Massó, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

Additional

Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].

G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].

Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalwala, Poona, Special Judge [for 3 years].

Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].

Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author, [for 2 years].

Tammacharla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired Manufacturer, [for 1 year].

4. Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded the Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of "President-Founder," and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

5. The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Memorandum of Association, and no portion thereof shall be

paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any member thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said trust premises unless such loss, damage

or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. If upon the dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them, but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of the Society present per-

sonally or by proxy at a meeting called for the purpose, or in default thereof by such Judge or Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

8. A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is filed with this Memorandum of Association, and the undersigned being seven of the members of the Governing Body of the said Society do hereby certify that such copy of such Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is correct.

As witness our several and respective hands, this . . day of March 1905.

Witnesses to the signatures :

(Sd.) WM. GLENNY KEAGEY	...	{	(Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT
„ ARTHUR RICHARDSON	...		„ W. A. ENGLISH
„ PYARE LAL	...	{	„ SUBRAMANIAM
„ PEROZE P. MEHERJEE	...		„ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE
			„ UPENDRANATH BASU
			„ ANNIE BESANT
			„ N. D. KHANDALVALA

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED "THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY," ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. Not less than seven members of this Council shall be residents of India.

2. (a) The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary, the President of the World Federation of Young Theosophists and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

(b) The General Council shall include not less than 5 and not more than 10 Additional Members, such

members shall on the nomination of the President be elected for a term of three years by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting, their names having been sent to the Members of the General Council at least three months before the Annual Meeting.

(c) Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The Recording Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

3. It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of The Society excepting the President of The Theosophical Society and excepting the General Secretaries of National Societies, by a three-fourths majority of its whole number of members, at a special

meeting called for the purpose, of which at least three months' notice shall have been given, the quorum consisting, however, of not less than five members.

4. The General Council shall ordinarily meet once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting or Convention of The Society; but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and shall be called at any time by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, on the written requisition of not less than one-fourth of the total number of members; but of such special meetings not less than three months' notice shall be given, and the notice shall contain a statement of the special business to be laid before the meeting.

5. At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy duly given to another member of the General Council for the particular meeting concerned. Except as aforesaid no member shall exercise more than one vote. No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

Note: Meetings include Adjourned Meetings.

6. The quorum of an ordinary as well as of a special meeting of the General Council shall be five members. If there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned *sine die*, or the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it to another date, of which three months' further notice shall be given, when the business of the meeting shall be disposed of, irrespective of whether there is a quorum present or not.

7. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, of The Society, shall preside at all meetings of The Theosophical Society or of the General Council, and shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the members voting on any question before the meeting.

8. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a chairman from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

9. The term of office of the President shall be seven years.

10. Six months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or within three days of the office becoming vacant, the Recording Secretary shall call for nominations for the office of President from the members of the General Council, each of whom shall be entitled to make not more than three nominations. Such call to members outside India shall be by cable, confirmed within two days by air and ordinary mails. Each member of the General Council who is a General Secretary shall consult with the respective National Governing Council and shall make his nominations on its behalf. Nominations of any member or members in good standing, whose consent as laid down hereunder shall be necessary for the validity of the nomination, shall be sent to the Recording Secretary, so as to reach him within two months of the date of the call for nominations.

At the expiration of this period the Recording Secretary shall place all the nominations received along with the relevant papers before the Executive Committee at a meeting specially convened for the purpose. At such meeting the Executive Committee shall examine the nominations. All nominations for which the consent of the nominated member has not been filed in the office of the Recording Secretary within the period of two months just preceding shall be rejected as invalid. The rest shall be counted, and the names of those receiving the three highest numbers of nominations, (or any lesser number of names, if less than three are nominated) together with any others who have been nominated by

not less than half the members of the General Council, shall be those to be voted upon. Such a list made by the Executive Committee shall not be subject to challenge.

The Recording Secretary shall communicate the list of nominees to be voted upon, to the General Secretaries, and to Lodges and Fellows-at-large attached to the Headquarters at Adyar. Such communication to the General Secretaries outside India shall be by cable, confirmed within two days by air mail and ordinary mail, and to the others by air mail confirmed within two days by ordinary mail. Each General Secretary shall take the individual vote of each of the voter-members of his Section, that is, of members of the National Society on his rolls who are not in arrears of annual dues for more than one year at the close of the previous official year of the Section, and shall communicate the result to the Recording Secretary, who shall himself take the votes of the Lodges and Fellows-at-large attached to the Headquarters at Adyar, who are not in arrears of annual dues for more than one year at the close of the previous official year of the Society at Adyar.

If only one member is nominated the vote so taken shall be on a "For" or "Against" ballot.

At the expiration of four months from the issue of the nominations by the Recording Secretary, the results of the voting shall be counted by him. The Executive Committee shall appoint two of its members as scrutineers. The nominee receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected to the office of President.

If the voting results in the highest number of votes being given equally to two or more of the nominees, or if the voting upon the "For" or "Against" ballot results in the rejection of the one member receiving nomination, the nomination and election procedure here-

in provided shall be repeated and the President then in office or the Vice-President, if he is temporarily filling such office, shall continue therein until a new President is elected.

11. (a) The President shall nominate the Vice-President, subject to confirmation by the General Council, and his term of Office shall continue till a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. It shall be his duty, among other things, to carry on the executive functions of the President in case the President is dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of The Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or permanent disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold Office until the new President shall have nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination be confirmed by the General Council.

12. The President shall appoint the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and such subordinate officials as he may find necessary, which appointments shall be reported to the Executive Committee at its next following meeting, and shall continue to be valid unless rejected by a majority of votes of the whole number of members of the Executive Committee, voting in person or by proxy, at the said meeting, the newly appointed Treasurer or Recording Secretary not being present, nor counting as a member of the Executive Committee for purposes of such vote.

13. The Treasurer, Recording Secretary and subordinate officials being assistants to the President in his capacity as executive officer of the General Council, the President shall have the authority to remove any appointee of his own to such offices.

14. The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, of not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Recording Secretary, shall be ex-officio members. Vacancies caused by death or resignation or otherwise may be filled by co-optation.

15. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the receipt and consideration of accounts and the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called by the President whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not less than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

16. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.

17. The Committee shall, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, elect a Chairman to preside over the meeting and in case of equality of votes the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote.

18. The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of The Society, and shall be the Executive Officer and shall conduct and direct the business of The Society in compliance with its rules; he shall be empowered to make temporary appointments and to fill provisionally all vacancies that occur in the offices of

The Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

19. All subscriptions, donations and other moneys payable to the Association shall be received by the President, or the Treasurer, or the Recording Secretary, the receipt of either of whom in writing shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

20. The securities and uninvested funds of The Society shall be deposited in the Imperial Bank of India, Madras, or such other Bank or Banks as the Executive Committee, T.S., shall select; and in countries outside of India, in such Banks as the President shall select. Cheques drawn against the funds shall be signed by the President or the Treasurer or the Recording Secretary of The Society.

21. (a) Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary the President may, touching the assets and affairs of The Society beyond British India, at any time and from time to time by a Power of Attorney appoint any persons to be the Attorneys of The Society for such period and subject to such conditions and for such purposes and with such authorities and powers as he may think fit, and he may if necessary affix the Seal of The Society thereto.

Without prejudice to the general powers conferred as aforesaid, the President may grant power and authority among others to sell, grant mortgage, lease or otherwise transfer the assets of The Society, movable or immovable, real or personal, and to receive subscriptions, donations, legacies, moneys and other property movable, or immovable, and to institute, continue, compromise, compound or refer to arbitration any actions, suits, or other proceedings, and to take and hold shares in any Company, and to vote at any meetings thereof, and to subdelegate all or any of his powers, and to give receipts and releases,

and to sign, seal and deliver any instrument or document and have the same registered.

(b) The funds of The Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public securities, or in the purchase of immovable property or First Mortgages on such property.

(c) The Adyar Estate of The Society in Madras including The Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at any time be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise; save that the President, if specially authorized by a resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

(d) The President may, with the advice, and consent of the Executive Committee, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of The Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21 (c).

22. (a) All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to The Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of The Society with the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is too ill to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

(b) All transfers of movable property, if in writing, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary but need not have affixed to them the Seal of The Society. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds

that he is too ill to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

Note.—The procedure detailed in this Rule is without prejudice to the powers conferred under Rule 21 (a).

23. The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President.

24. The Recording Secretary may, with the authority of the President, or of the two substitutes appointed according to Rule 22, affix the Seal of The Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Recording Secretary.

25. On the death or resignation of the President, the Recording Secretary shall at once make arrangements for the election of a new President, in accordance with Rule 10, and until such new President is elected the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

HEADQUARTERS

26. Headquarters of The Society are established at Adyar, Madras, and are outside the jurisdiction of the Indian Section.

27. The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person the use of any portion of the Headquarters' premises for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying or residing under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit the premises before the expiry of that period.

ORGANIZATION

28. Every person of ten full years of age, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour, shall be

eligible for membership in the Society, but those under the age of majority in their respective countries shall be admitted to membership only with the written consent of parent or guardian.

29. Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge, the General Secretary of a National Society, or through the Recording Secretary; and a Diploma of membership shall be issued to the Fellow, bearing the signature of the President, and countersigned by the General Secretary, where the applicant resides within the territory of a National Society, or countersigned by the Recording Secretary, if admission to membership has been obtained through the Recording Secretary.

30. Lodges and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge, residing within the territory of a National Society, must belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

Provided that with the sanction of the President a member who belongs to one National Society may while retaining his membership of that National Society belong to another National Society, but he shall not be allowed to cast more than one vote in matters relating to The Theosophical Society.

31. (a) When an individual Fellow in good standing, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member.

(b) A Fellow of The Theosophical Society in good standing who is

desirous of leaving the National Society to which he or she belongs or ought to belong under Rule 30 and of joining another National Society, may be permitted by the President to do so provided such Fellow presents reason sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, and provided further that the application for transfer is submitted with the approval of the General Secretaries of both National Societies concerned.

This rule shall apply equally in the case of the admission of a new member.

(c) When a Lodge, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which it belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such Lodge may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Before any Lodge shall have the right to apply to be directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, it shall have mailed to each of its members individually a notice that such application is about to be considered. Such notice must be mailed not less than two weeks before the meeting at which such consideration is to take place, and voting on the application shall be deferred until two months after that meeting. If at such first meeting, or any succeeding meeting pursuant thereto, it is decided to bring the application to a vote as herein provided, a full report of the reasons for such action shall at once be sent to the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Any application for separation from the National Society to which a Lodge belongs shall be ineffective unless two-thirds of the members of the Lodge vote in favour thereof.

32. Lodges or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas directly to the Recording Secretary, and may not, without the sanction of the President, belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

33. Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge. In a country where no National Society exists the application must be forwarded to the President of The Society through the Recording Secretary.

34. The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which, if issued, must bear his signature and that of the Recording Secretary, and the Seal of The Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of The Society.

35. A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges.

36. (a) All Charters of National Societies or Lodges and all Diplomas of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive officer of the General Council of The Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

(b) Any National Society or any Lodge, whether belonging to a National Society or not, may, by a two-thirds majority of the members constituting the same withdraw from The Theosophical Society.

37. Each Lodge and National Society shall have the power of making its own Rules, provided they do not conflict with the Rules of The Theosophical Society, and the rules shall become valid unless their confirmation be refused by the President.

38. Every National Society must appoint a General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

39. The General Secretary of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work of his Society, and at any time furnish any further information the President or General Council may desire.

40. National Societies hitherto known as Sections, which have been incorporated under the name of "The . . . Section of The T.S." before the year 1908, may retain that name in their respective countries, in order not to interfere with the incorporation already existing, but shall be included under the name of National Societies, for all purposes in these Rules and Regulations.

FINANCE

41. (a) The fees payable to the General Treasury by Lodges not comprised within the limits of any National Society are as follows: for Charter, £1; for each Diploma of Membership, 5s.; for the Annual Subscription of each Fellow, 5s.; but in the case of Lodges comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, the Annual Subscription of each Fellow shall be the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the by-laws or other regulations of the National Society within which the Lodge exists; or equivalents.

(b) New members joining otherwise than at the beginning of the year shall at the time of admission pay their annual subscription *pro rata* for the remaining period of the fiscal year at the rate of £0-1-3 per quarter.

42. (a) Fellows-at-large not belonging to any Lodge shall pay the usual 5s. Entrance Fee, and an Annual Subscription of £1, to the General Treasury.

(b) Every Fellow-at-large is free to commute at any time his Annual dues to Headquarters for a sum of not

less than £20 to be paid to the General Treasury.

43. Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury ten per cent of the total amount received for its own National dues, and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of September of the current year, and the financial year of The Society shall close on 30th September.

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36 (a), or the dissolution or winding up of any National Society, or the withdrawal from The Theosophical Society of any National Society or any Lodge, where it shall have withdrawn from The Theosophical Society under Rule 36 (b), its constituent Charter granted by the President, shall, *ipso facto*, become forfeited or lapse and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas, Seal, Records and other papers, pertaining to The Society belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge shall vest in The Society (except when the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest as hereinafter provided) and shall be delivered up to the President, or his nominee on its behalf and such National Society or Lodge shall not be entitled to continue to use the Name, Motto, or Seal of The Society.

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to transfer or revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge as the case may be, whose Charter should have become so forfeited or lapsed, to such other Lodges not being less than seven in number as have not withdrawn, or to such other Fellows not being less than seven in number as have not withdrawn, respectively, or to such other nominee or nominees of his as in his judgment shall seem best for the interests of The Society.

In cases where the law of the country where the National Society or the Lodge, whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid is situated, prohibits such vesting in The Society, in that case the property of the Lodge shall vest in its National Society and the property of the National Society shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees to be appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, which The Society may become entitled to under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to The Society.

45. The financial accounts of The Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

MEETINGS

46. The Annual General Meeting or Convention of The Society shall be held in India in the month of December, at such place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year. Lodges desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation in March of the current year, with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make.

47. At least once in every seven years a World Congress of The Theosophical Society may be held out of India, at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention in India.

48. The President shall have the power to convene special meetings of The Society at his discretion.

REVISION

49. The General Council, of their own motion or on the motion of the Executive Committee and after at least three months' notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of those members who vote in person, in writing, or by

proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of The Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

50. The General Council may frame by-laws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such by-laws, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.

GENERAL COUNCIL FOR 1948

Ex-Officio

President: MR. C. JINARĀJADĀSA.

Vice-President: MR. SIDNEY A. COOK.

Treasurer: MR. C. D. SHORES.

Recording Secretary: MISS HELEN ZAHARA.

President, World Federation of Young Theosophists: SRIMATI RUKMINI DEVI.

General Secretaries

Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1886	United States ...	Mr. James S. Perkins	"Olcott," Wheaton, Illinois
1888	England ...	Mrs. Doris Groves	50 Gloucester Place, London, W.1.
1891	India ...	Sjt. Rohit Mehta	Theosophical Society, Benares City
1895	Australia ...	Mr. J. L. Davidge	29 Bligh Street, Sydney, N.S.W.
1895	Sweden ...	Fru Eva Ostelius	Östermalmsgatan 12, Stockholm
1896	New Zealand ...	Miss Emma Hunt	10 Belvedere St., Epsom, Auckland S.E. 3
1897	Netherlands ...	Professor J. N. van der Ley	Amsteldijk 76, Amsterdam Z.
1899	France ...	Dr. Paul Thorin	4 Square Rapp, Paris VII
1902	Italy ...	Dr. Giuseppe Gasco	Casella Postale 83, Savona
1902	Germany ...	Herr A. von Fielitz-Coniar	(13b) München 19, Nibelungenstrasse 14/III, Oberbayern, Amerikanische Zone
1905	Cuba ...	Señorita Maria G. Duany	Calle M., No. 159 Reparto Fomento, Santiago de Cuba
1907	Hungary ...	Selevér Flora úrno	Báró Lipthay-utca 9, Budapest II
1907	Finland ...	Herr Armas Rankka	Vironkatu 7 C, Helsinki
1908	Russia ...	...	...
1909	Czechoslovakia *	Pan Václav Cimr	Praha—Sporilov 1114
1909	South Africa ...	Mrs. Eleanor Stakesby-Lewis	Box 863, Johannesburg
1910	Scotland ...	Edward Gall, Esq.	28 Great King Street, Edinburgh
1910	Switzerland ...	Mlle. J. Roget	Rue Carteret 6, Geneva
1911	Belgium ...	Mademoiselle Serge Brisy	37 Rue J. B. Meunier, Bruxelles
1912	Netherlands Indies ...	Mr. J. A. H. van Leeuwen (acting)	Bandastraat 9, Bandoeng, Java.
1912	Burma ...	U San Hla	No. 102, 49th Street, Rangoon
1912	Austria ...	Herr F. Schleifer	Bürgergasse 22, 4. Stg. 18, Vienna X
1913	Norway ...	Herr Ernst Nielsen	Oscars gt. 11, I, Oslo
1918	Egypt *	Mr. J. H. Pérèz	P. O. Box 769, Cairo
1918	Denmark ...	Herr J. H. Möller	Strandvejen 130 a, Aarhus
1919	Ireland ...	Mrs. Alice Law	14 South Frederick St., Dublin
1919	Mexico ...	Señor Adolfo de la Peña Gil	Iturbide 28, Mexico D. F.
1919	Canada ...	Lt.-Col. E.L. Thomson, D.S.O.	52 Isabella Street, Toronto 5, Ont.

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1920	Argentina	... Señor José M. Olivares	... Sarmiento 2478, Buenos Aires
1920	Chile	... Señor Juan Armengolli	... Casilla 3603, Santiago de Chile
1920	Brazil	... Tenente Armando Sales	... Rua Sao Bento 38, 1º andar, Sao Paulo
1920	Bulgaria	...	...
1921	Iceland	... Gretar Fells	... Ingolsstr. 22, Reykjavik
1921	Spain	...	...
1921	Portugal	... Dr. Nelio Nobre Santos	... Rua Passos Manuel, No. 20-cave, Lisbon
1922	Wales	... Miss E. Claudia Owen	... 10 Park Place, Cardiff
1923	Poland	...	...
1925	Uruguay	... Señor Luis Sarthou	... Palacio Diaz, 18 de Julio 1333, Montevideo
1925	Puerto Rico	... Señor A. J. Plard	... Apartado No. 3, San Juan
1925	Rumania	... Madame E. Vasilescu	... Bd. Elisabeta 92 bis, Bucarest I
1925	Yugoslavia	... Gospodin Alojz Piltaver	... Mesnička ulica 7/III 1. Zagreb
1926	Ceylon *	... N. K. Choksy, Esq., K. C.	... Roshanara, 54 Turret Road, Colombo
1928	Greece	... Monsieur Kimon Priniris	... 3 ^D September Str., No. 56B III floor, Athens
1929	Central America	... Señor José B. Acuña	... P. O. Box 797, San José, Costa Rica
1929	Paraguay *	...	...
1929	Peru	... Señor Jorge Torres Ugarriza	... Apartado No. 2718, Lima
1933	Philippines	... Mr. Domingo C. Argente	... 89 Havana, Sta. Ana, Manila
1937	Colombia	... Señor Ramón Martínez	... Apartado No. 539, Bogotá
1947	British E. Africa	... Mr. Jayant D. Shah	... P. O. Box 34, Dar-es-Salaam

Additional Members

M.R.RY. DEWAN BAHADUR RAJADHARMA PRAVINA K. S. CHANDRASEKHARA AIYAR, "Chandravilas", Bull Temple Road, Basavangudi, Bangalore (for 1947, 1948 and 1949).

MR. JAMSHED NUSSERWANJI, Machimiani Road, Karachi (for 1947, 1948 and 1949).

MR. R. M. ALPAIWALLA, 177 Foras Road, Near Grant Road Station, Bombay 7 (for 1947, 1948 and 1949).

MR. J. E. VAN DISSEL, Voorteweg 40, Eindhoven, Holland (for 1948, 1949 and 1950).

MRS. JOSEPHINE RANSOM, 53 Knightwood Crescent, New Malden, Surrey, England (for 1948, 1949 and 1950).

DR. G. SRINIVASA MURTI, Director, Adyar Library, the Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 20 (for 1947, 1948 and 1949).

MR. N. SRI RAM, the Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 20, (for 1947, 1948 and 1949).

MR. H. S. L. POLAK, 49 Earls Ave., The Leas, Folkestone, England (for 1947, 1948 and 1949).

MR. J. E. VAN DER STOK, Englaan 16, Wageningen, Netherlands (for 1947, 1948 and 1949).

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MINUTES

*Of Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society, held at
"Shanti Kunj", Benares, on 25th December 1947, at 9.45 a.m.*

First Session

PRESENT :

Mr. C. Jinarājādāsa	... President (in the Chair).
Mr. C. D. Shores	... Treasurer.
Miss Helen Zahara	... Recording Secretary.
Srimati Rukmini Devi	... President, World Federation of Young Theosophists, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the T. S. in Hungary.
Mr. James S. Perkins	... General Secretary, the T.S. in America.
Mr. Rohit Mehta	... General Secretary, the T.S. in India.
Mr. N. Sri Ram	... Additional Member, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the T.S. in New Zealand and for Mr. J. E. van Dissel, Additional Member.
Mr. R. M. Alpaiwalla	... Additional Member.

1. *Confirmation of Minutes.*—The Minutes of the Meetings held on 25th December, 1946 and 31st December, 1946, having been circulated to the members of the General Council, were taken as read, and were adopted and signed.

2. *Matters, if any, arising out of the Minutes.*—

(a) *Revision of Rule 10 in the Constitution of the Theosophical Society.*—The revision as proposed by Mr. N. Sri Ram, having received the majority of votes was declared passed as follows :

Six months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or within three days of the office becoming vacant, the Recording Secretary shall call for nominations for the office of President from the members of the General Council, each of whom shall be entitled to make not more than three nominations. Such call to members of the Council outside India shall be by cable, confirmed within two days by air and ordinary mails. Each member of the General Council who is a General Secretary shall consult with the Governing Council of his National Society and shall make his nominations on its behalf. Nominations of any member or members in good standing, whose consent as laid down hereunder shall be necessary for the validity of the nomination, shall be sent to the Recording Secretary, so as to reach him within two months of the date of the call for nominations.

At the expiration of this period the Recording Secretary shall place all the nominations received along with the relevant papers before the Executive Committee at a meeting specially convened for the purpose. At such meeting the Executive Committee shall examine the nominations. All nominations, for which the consent of the nominated member has not been filed in the office of the Recording Secretary within the period of two months just preceding, shall be rejected as invalid. The rest shall be counted, and the names of those receiving the three highest numbers of nominations, (or any lesser number of names, if less than three are nominated), together with any others who have been nominated by not less than half the members of the General Council, shall be those to be voted upon. Such a list made by the Executive Committee shall not be subject to challenge.

The Recording Secretary shall communicate the list of nominees to be voted upon, to the General Secretaries, and to Lodges and Fellows-at-large attached to the Headquarters at Adyar. Such communication to the General Secretaries outside India shall be by cable, confirmed within two days by air mail and ordinary mail, and to the others by air mail confirmed within two days by ordinary mail. Each General Secretary shall take the individual vote of each of the voter-members of his Section, that is, of members of the National Society on his rolls who are not in arrears of annual dues for more than one year at the close of the previous official year of the Section, and shall communicate the result to the Recording Secretary, who shall himself take the votes of the Lodges and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters at Adyar, who are not in arrears of annual dues for more than one year at the close of the previous official year of the Society at Adyar.

If only one member is nominated the vote so taken shall be on a "For" or "Against" ballot.

At the expiration of four months from the issue of the nominations by the Recording Secretary, the results of the voting shall be counted by him. The Executive Committee shall appoint two of its members as scrutineers. The nominee receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected to the office of President.

If the voting results in the highest number of votes being given equally to two or more of the nominees, or if the voting upon the "For" or "Against" ballot results in the rejection of the one member receiving nomination, the nomination and election procedure herein provided shall be repeated, and the President then in office or the Vice-President, if he is temporarily filling such office, shall continue therein until a new President is elected.

The amendment proposed by the English Section that instead of 3 members seven members shall be chosen for the election ballot was lost. The result of voting is as follows:

Revision of Rule 10 proposed by Mr. N. Sri Ram :

In favour	30
Against	2

Amendment by the English Section :

In favour	4
Against	24

(b) *Revision of Rule 28 in the Constitution of the Theosophical Society.*—The revision of Rule 28, having obtained the majority of votes was declared passed as follows :

Every person of ten full years of age, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour, shall be eligible for membership in the Society, but those under the age of majority in their respective countries shall be admitted to membership only with the written consent of parent or guardian.

In favour	31
Against	1

(c) *Administration of the Faithful Service Fund.*—It was decided to leave the matter as it stands at present. The question of insurance of workers to provide for their old age is to be investigated.

(d) *Resolution of the former Treasurer, Mr. Panda Baijnath, regarding the return to the Theosophical Society's general funds of some portion of the £2,000, contributed to the Rehabilitation Fund.*—It was reported to the Council that at the Round Table Conference held in July in Switzerland the Executive Committee of the European Federation resolved to release to the general funds at Adyar any claim to £1,500 out of the £2,000 already allocated. This amount of £1,500 would, it was understood, be transferred to the Besant Adyar World (Commemorative) Fund. The Remaining £500 has been placed to the credit of the Federation Fund in London.

(e) *The problem of the Society's recurring deficit.*—The Besant Adyar World (Commemorative) Fund has now been established to meet the Society's financial needs.

(f) *A proposed amendment of Rule 36 (b) in the Constitution of the Theosophical Society.*—The inconsistency between Rules 33 and 35 on the one hand and Rule 36 (b) on the other hand had been pointed out and recommendations asked for. The only suggestion received was from Mr. James S. Perkins, General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in America, as follows :

"I believe Rule 36 (b) can be eliminated. If a block of people wish to withdraw from the Society, why should the Society make any provision that enables them to retain their identity as a body? Their identity as a Lodge or Section was made possible only because of the Charter granted, and by resigning that is forfeited. It would seem therefore that the only withdrawals possible should logically be individual resignations. If a group wishes to remain a group to continue some other work, or to be another Theosophical Society, they can reorganize as a new group on that basis. Meanwhile if, after the exodus, there are seven members or Lodges remaining they can, if they wish, retain the Charter and continue officially the work of the Theosophical Society."

It was decided that the required amendment to the Rules be circulated for voting during the coming year.

3. *To elect two (2) Additional Members nominated by the President to the General Council.*—The undermentioned members, having obtained the necessary votes favourable to their election as set forth below, were declared duly elected as Additional members of the General Council for a period of three years (1948, 1949, and 1950) :

No. of Votes

Mr. J. E. van Dissel (Holland) 32

Mrs. Josephine Ransom (England) 32

4. *The Pension of the niece of H.P.B.*—The General Council decided to continue the pension to the niece of H.P.B. for 1948 amounting to £60.

5. *The Treasurer's Report.*—Postponed until the next session.

6. *The Budget for 1947-1948.*—Postponed until the next session.

7. *The appointment of an Auditor for 1948.*—It was resolved that Messrs. V. Soundararajan & Co., Registered Accountants, be reappointed Auditors for the year 1948 on a remuneration increased to Rs. 800 per annum, but otherwise on the same terms and conditions as in previous years.

8. *The appointment of the Executive for 1948.*—The following were appointed :

President	}	Ex-Officio
Vice-President		
Treasurer		
Recording Secretary		
Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti		
Srimati Rukmini Devi		
Mrs. Bhagirathi Sri Ram		
Mr. N. Sri Ram		
Mr. K. Srinivasa Iyengar		

9. *Any Other Business :*

(a) *World Fund for Theosophy.*—It was decided that this fund be used up for some purpose which comes within the objects for which the fund was started. The balance on hand amounts to Rs. 422.

(b) *Brisbane Question :* The Brisbane Lodge raised the question of whether it had violated the principles of the Society by refusing the use of its Lodge room to one of its members to hold a class for the study of "I Am" publications :

1. by all enquirers—members or otherwise ;

or

2. exclusively by members of the Theosophical Society interested therein.

There has been considerable correspondence between the Lodge and the member concerned. The Vice-President had already given his opinion on the matter as follows :

"It appears, that the Executive Council of Brisbane Lodge has very properly handled the matter and no question of restriction of freedom of thought is involved. The Executive Council of the Lodge has merely exercised its proper function of determining how

the Lodge premises shall be used, but has apparently said no word as to what anyone should believe or study or investigate. Undoubtedly also the Lodge has the right to determine what shall be the activities and studies of the Lodge as such, although that point does not appear to be specifically in question."

The General Council expressed the opinion that the Brisbane Lodge had acted rightly in the course it had taken.

(c) *Suspension of members.*—The question of a rule to cover this had been raised by the Welsh Section but the General Council considered that there is no need to put a rule on the matter in the Constitution.

(d) *Amendment to Rule 30.*—A Resolution was received from the Welsh Section as follows:

"*Amendment to Rule 30—Transfers.* In the case of countries adjacent to each other, while new members should join the National Section of the country in which they are residing, if, at a later date, they move to reside in an adjacent country, they may, if they so desire, retain their membership of the Theosophical Society through the National Section of which they are already members."

This resolution will be circulated to the members of the General Council for voting during the coming year.

The Council then adjourned to meet on 31st December, 1947 at 3 p.m.

MINUTES

Of Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society, held at "Shanti Kunj", Benares, on 31st December, 1947, at 3 p.m.

Second Session

PRESENT:

Mr. C. Jinarājādāsa	... President (in the Chair).
Mr. C. D. Shores	... Treasurer.
Miss Helen Zahara	... Recording Secretary.
Mr. James S. Perkins	... General Secretary, the T.S. in America.
Mr. N. Sri Ram	... Additional Member, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the T.S. in New Zealand and for Mr. J. E. van Dissel, Additional Member.
Mr. R. M. Alpaiwalla	... Additional Member.

10. *Treasurer's Report.*—The audited financial statements of the Society for the official year ended 30th September 1947, presented by the Hon. Treasurer with his report appended thereto and recommended by the Executive Committee for adoption, were given consideration and approved.

11. *Budget for 1947-48.*—The Budget estimates for the year ending 30th September 1948, passed by the Executive Committee at their meeting held on 15th December 1947, were adopted as detailed hereunder:

THE T. S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1947-48

EXPENDITURE	Budget for 1946-'47	Actuals for 1946-'47	Budget for 1947-'48	INCOME	Budget for 1946-'47	Actuals for 1946-'47	Budget for 1947-'48
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Establishment—Salaries and				Rent Income ...	28,000	37,780	40,000
Wages ...	16,500	18,243	16,500	Conservancy ...	900	1,066	1,000
Repairs and Renewals ...	17,000	37,709	30,000	Fees and Dues ...	15,000	21,489	20,000
Garden Expenses ...	20,000	26,373	26,500	Garden Income ...	16,700	19,581	19,500
Lighting and Water ...	2,500	2,644	2,500	Interest (Gross) ...	29,000	28,676	28,000
Miscellaneous ...	3,500	4,423	3,500	Administration Charges ...	7,130	7,130	7,130
Watch and Ward ...	7,000	9,761	9,760	Donations ...		68,577	
Postages, Telegrams and							
Telephone ...	2,500	2,916	2,500			1,84,299	
Printing and Stationery ...	2,400	3,429	2,000	do. for past			
Publications to General				Deficit; T.S.			
Secretaries ...	800	649	900	Deficit for			
Sanitation Expenses ...	2,500	3,293	3,760	1946-47	18,764		
Taxes Account ...	11,000	11,025	11,000	Laundry Defi-			
Pensions ...	100	61	100	cit up to			
Interest on Funds and				30-9-'46	2,231		
Accounts ...	14,000	11,308	12,000			20,995	
Donations to various Funds		16,200		Special Departments:			
and Accounts ...				Vasanta Press ...	50,000	80,090	90,000
Convention Account ...	3,500	159	1,000	Laundry ...	7,000	8,135	7,500
Contributions:				Engineering Depart-			
Adyar Library ...	5,000	5,000	5,000	ment ...	60,700	98,838	83,550
President's Travelling				Deficit to be made good			
Fund ...	13,000	13,000	6,600	by Donations	58,534	2,542	32,090
Dispensary ...	3,600	3,070	2,800				
Museum and Archives ...	150	70	150				
Depreciation: ..	8,000	8,719	8,000				
Loss on Year Book ...		952					
Loss on Dismantled Huts ...		1,150					
Laundry Deficit for							
1946-'47 ...		2,164					
Bhojanasala deficit ...	650	1,120	650				
Leadbeater Chambers							
deficit ...	2,800	3,403	2,500				
		1,86,841					
Deficit for the year 1946-'47	18,764	18,764					
Laundry Deficit up to							
30-9-'46 ...		2,231					
Special Departments:							
Vasanta Press ...	50,000	80,090	90,000				
Laundry ...	7,000	8,135	7,500				
Engineering Department...	60,700	98,838	83,550				
	2,72,964	3,94,899	3,28,700		2,72,964	3,94,899	3,28,700

For the Theosophical Society,
C. D. SHORES,
Hony. Treasurer.

12. *Other Business:*

(a) The President proposed the following Resolution, which was carried unanimously:

"As all members of the Theosophical Society desire earnestly to establish World Peace as a realization of Universal Brotherhood, the General Council of the Theosophical Society recommends all Lodges throughout the world to be informed of the work of the United Nations.

"And the Council further suggests that one meeting each year be devoted to describing the work of the United Nations towards ushering in the era of World Peace and Brotherhood."

(b) *Besant Adyar World (Commemorative) Fund.*—Mr. James S. Perkins, General Secretary of the American Section, suggested that for publicity purposes and simplification the name of the fund be changed to Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund, which can be then abbreviated to A. B. C. Fund.—This change was agreed upon.

(c) *World Federation of Young Theosophists.*—The status of this organization was raised by the Recording Secretary and it was pointed out that it is recognized by the fact that its President is ex-officio on the General Council. It is not, however, on the same basis as a National Society but a voluntary association on the part of the people concerned.

The meeting closed at 4 p.m.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1947

			No. of Lodges	Active Members
National Sections ...	45			
Presidential Agencies.	4			
New Section formed.	British East Africa.	Denmark	... 12	341
		Ireland	... 8	110
Total Lodges ...	1,245	Mexico	... 20	347
Total Membership		Canada	... 15	372
1946 ...	31,236	Argentina	... 61	1,157
1947 ...	31,636	Chile	... 13	173
		Brazil	... 15	613
	No. of Lodges	Active Members	Bulgaria	... — 100 (1939)
			Iceland	... 4 196
United States ...	136	3,869	Spain	... — —
England ...	116	3,783	Portugal	... 10 193
India ...	403	7,208	Wales	... 11 173
Australia ...	15	982	Poland	... — 197 (1939)
Sweden ...	18	369	Uruguay	... 5 59
New Zealand ...	15	930	Puerto Rico	... 7 74
Netherlands ...	36	1,742	Rumania	... — 140 (1939)
France ...	40	2,015	Yugoslavia	... 12 291
Italy ...	33	700	Ceylon	... 1 26
Germany ...	12	304	Greece	... 8 273
Cuba ...	28	564	Central America	... 12 169
Hungary ...	7	191	Paraguay	... — —
Finland ...	23	603	Peru	... 11 160
Russia ...	—	—	Philippine Islands	... 10 186
Czechoslovakia ...	7	100	Colombia	... 16 253
South Africa ...	7	533	British East Africa...	7 99
Scotland ...	21	391	Canadian Federation.	8 144
Switzerland ...	17	318	Malaya	... 2 71
Belgium ...	11	347	H.P.B. Lodge (Canada).	1 7
Netherlands Indies...	4	102	Japan, Miroku, Tokio.	1 11
Burma ...	4	117	Fellows-at-Large	... — 22
Austria ...	13	369		
Norway ...	8	122		
Egypt ...	1	20		
			Total ...	1,245 31,636

